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MESSAGE FROM THE COLONEL-IN-CHIEF THE RIGHT HONOURABLE ADRIENNE CLARKSON, PC, CC, CMM, COM, CD

My Dear Patricias:

I am very honoured to provide the opening remarks for this year's Patrician. 2009 was another very challenging year for the Regiment as a good number of you spent the majority of the year deployed to Afghanistan with the Task Force 5-09 Headquarters, returning only recently and thankfully in time to enjoy the much deserved holidays with family and friends. The vast majority of you spent the year either conducting or directly supporting the training for the current deployment. For those of you now deployed, being away from your families and friends is undoubtedly difficult. Be very proud of your

service, campaigning alongside our international and Afghan allies in pursuit of a brighter future. Those of you who are not deployed have certainly not been idle in any regard. Support to those deployed, planning and training for the 2010 Olympics and the continuous preparation for inevitable future tasks and deployments have kept you extremely busy.

Although we have suffered loss this year, on the battlefield and at home, amongst our serving and our retired, we must be proud of how honourably our Regiment remembers all those who serve and have served. I believe it gives us strength to know that sacrifice and duty shall never be forgotten. Simultaneously, I am heartened by the stories of valour, discipline, leadership, motivation and commitment that now comprise our modern history. Exemplifying the warrior spirit, Patricias at home and abroad continue to triumph in the face of great adversity.

It was truly a pleasure to have had such wonderful opportunities over this past year to visit with so many of you. I cherish the time spent with the serving Regiment and with the PPCLI Association. The 95th Anniversary celebrations in early May, hosted by the PPCLI Association in Edmonton, were particularly enjoyable.

I thank each and every one of you for your devotion to duty and excellent service to Canada. I appreciate and am deeply grateful for the incredible sacrifices you and your families are making to provide Canada's security. I consider myself both privileged and extremely proud to be your Colonel in Chief and as such to serve as a member of our fine Regiment.

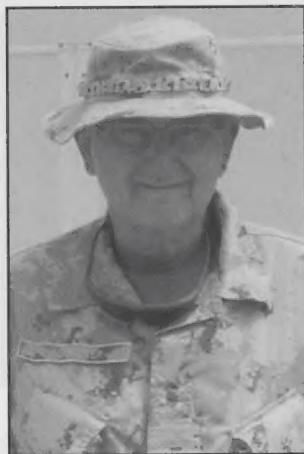
Yours faithfully,

Adrienne Clarkson



MESSAGE FROM THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT BRIGADIER GENERAL J.E.L. GOLLNER, OMM, CD

During 2009 we marked the 95th anniversary of our Regiment's founding. For the serving members, operational demands and training meant that our celebrations were muted. Our anniversary celebrations came together at our Association's Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in Edmonton over the 8 May weekend. At the AGM and related social events, we were able to mark both the 95th anniversary and the 94th anniversary of Frezenberg. Good representation from both Edmonton based battalions was evident throughout the weekend.



2009 saw the First Battalion Battle Group and the Third Battalion Operational Liaison and Mentoring Team (OMLT) on the road to war. Deployment began in September and continued for six weeks. The coming year will see the Third Battalion start on the road to war with early deployment in 2011 planned. The Third Battalion, being a light battalion, is currently converting to a LAVIII battalion.

Second Battalion's year was active too with the Battalion developing a series of Afghan based tactical scenarios and field firing ranges for the First Battalion Battle Group training in Suffield in the spring. After this successful training the battalion then began focusing on and training for their Olympic security role in Whistler, BC. The battalion also trained and deployed A Company as the Provincial Reconstruction Team for the First Battalion Battle Group. During 2010, Second Battalion will train an OMLT for deployment with the Third Battalion in early 2011.

Congratulations to all members that have received recognition for gallantry and service during 2009. Coverage on their individual gallantry decorations and meritorious service awards is set out in this Patrician. One of our member's unique awards stands out and as such deserves special mention. In November WO William MacDonald, SMV, CD received the Vimy Award for 2009. WO MacDonald's gallantry had earlier been recognized with the Star of Military Valour. The Vimy Award to WO MacDonald was the first time a non-commissioned member of the Canadian Forces has received this award. The Conference of Defence Associations awards the Vimy Award each year to a member of the Canadian Forces that has contributed significantly to the defence of Canada.

This year, acting on your behalf, I appointed Mr. Don Cherry as an Honorary Patricia. As you may have seen on Coaches Corner, Don frequently mentions the Regiment and its members. Don has done some fine tributes to our fallen comrades on his program.

Just before Christmas our Colonel in Chief, The Right Honorable Madame Adrienne Clarkson, was rushed to hospital with a severe gallbladder attack. Unfortunately, shortly after successful surgery and return home, complications arose. These complications resulted in Madame Clarkson being in hospital over the Christmas holidays. I have been in regular contact with her and she has asked me to tell you that she is determined to get herself ready for her duty in 2010.

As 2009 closes, we are in the early days of the American surge in Afghanistan. With the Americans now assisting us in Kandahar we might be better able to achieve our mission. Hard campaigning lies ahead as our recent casualties have sadly shown. Our success, as always, depends on our hard training and intelligent application of our knowledge, discipline, skills, and diligent leadership; and above all, remembering that we are Patricia soldiers.

Good soldiering for the coming year.

J.E.L. Gollner
Colonel of the Regiment



**The COR and CDS get ready to run
with the Olympic Torch**



MESSAGE FROM THE REGIMENTAL MAJOR MAJOR H.J.S. MANDAEHER, CD

This is my first message as the editor of the Patrician. I am deeply honoured to have been given the opportunity to serve as the Regimental Major. As I have learned over the last few months, it is a busy job with fluid priorities, limited resources, and, seemingly, unlimited bosses. I wish to thank Major Jeff Bird, my predecessor, for his advice and support in making my transition into the job seem effortless. Without his planning and guidance to get me on the right track quickly, you would be reading the 2009 Patrician sometime in 2011.

The bulk of the work for the Patrician is done by Corporal Daryl Willetts. It would be remiss of me if I did not publicly acknowledge his diligent efforts to collect unit submissions and get them formatted for printing. Unfortunately, his job for the next issue will be even harder as we try to get back to our normal publication timeline in a little over six months.

The publication of the 2009 Patrician was delayed by design until the return of Task Force 3-09. The last chalk arrived in Edmonton on 1 June 2010. TF 3-09 involved the deployment of PPCLI soldiers from all three battalions, based on 1 PPCLI BG. As this issue goes to print, Edmonton and Shilo based units prepare to welcome home our heroes and hold memorial services for our fallen comrades. After the brief gatherings for ceremonies, including a Change of Command for 1 PPCLI, TF 3-09 soldiers will be on well-deserved leave for most of July. Immediately after their leave, 1 PPCLI will re-organize and start the training cycle all over again in order to augment the 3 PPCLI based TF 1-11.

The Afghanistan war continues to demand the best from the modern soldier. Without fail, the Regiment has lived up to its historic prowess, deployment after deployment, and fielded the best soldiers in the world. The Regiment will continue to provide the best led, best trained soldiers because anything less is not the Patricia way.



**Mayor Nolan Crouse
and the
City of St Albert**

MESSAGE FROM THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OFFICE



The 100th Anniversary Office stood up in September 2009 and is manned by Major Sean Moran and Master Warrant Officer Jim Butters. The office is responsible for all planning and coordination of the 100th Anniversary and, as the anniversary approaches, will work with Regimental Commanding Officers once tasks are assigned.

This past year, the cell drafted the National Plan which was issued in March of 2010 under the signature of the Regimental Executive Chairman, Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Dawe. This plan outlines the major components of the 100th Anniversary which are:

National Reunion. The national reunion will take place in Edmonton, AB from 7 to 10 August 2014. It will encompass a variety of activities, including an All Colours Trooping, a Better 'Ole, a Soldier's Lunch and a Dinner and Dance.

Ottawa Commemoration. A commemoration will take place in Ottawa, ON from 18 to 21 September 2014. It is a means of recognizing the deep roots that the Regiment has in Ottawa as well as highlighting the Regiment's national character. The intent is to assemble the Regimental Family in the birthplace of the PPCLI in order to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of our founding and to re-dedicate ourselves to the service of Canada. There are four planned activities during this timeframe. They are as follows:

- (1) **Dedication.** 18 September has been earmarked for a dedication of a memorial at Lansdowne Park. This will likely include a reception and other supporting activities;
- (2) **Parliament Hill Parade.** 19 September sees a joint PPCLI and R22eR parade on Parliament Hill with each regiment mounting a guard;
- (3) **Memorial Parade.** 20 September is the planned date for a memorial parade through the city; and
- (4) **Drumhead Service.** 21 September is the final day where a drumhead service is planned at the National Cemetery.

Frezenberg. Capitalizing on the "Canada Remembers" program for significant historical events concerning Canada's history in the Great War, the Regiment plans to conduct a rededication ceremony in Frezenberg, Belgium on 8 May 2015. The intent is to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Frezenberg. This will involve a PPCLI contingent going to Frezenberg with the Centennial Torch (to be manufactured by the PPCLI Association) and re-lighting the existing Memorial.

Relay Run. The Relay Run is meant to mark the significance of the 100th Anniversary by bringing great exposure to the Regiment across a significant portion of Canada. Each battalion will be given a sector of the route to complete. Upon completion of the run at Lansdowne Park, a ceremony will be held to mark the opening of the festivities in Ottawa.

The office handles all aspects of the 100th Anniversary, whether it is planning the Reunion in Edmonton, the Ottawa Commemoration, the Frezenberg Ceremony or tracking down that Centennial Whiskey that Cpl Gomm assures us was taste tested by Lady Patricia at the 50th Anniversary of Kapyong.

For any current information on the 100th Anniversary, go to www.pplci.com and click the 100th Anniversary link.

If you have any questions or want to pass on info related to the 100th email us at 100.PPCLI@forces.gc.ca

"Planning for the Future, to Remember the Past."





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Wainwright -
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Ottawa/Quebec/OUTCAN NCMs -
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MWO P.C. Whipps - APPOINTED AS A MEMBER;
WO M.P. SNEA - APPOINTED AS A MEMBER; AND
Sgt D.F. HALEY - APPOINTED AS A MEMBER.

Star of Military Valour

WO D.G. Shultz - FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND COURAGE WHEN HE REPEATEDLY ENTERED A KILL ZONE TO EXTRACT CASUALTIES IN ADDITION TO EXECUTING THE PATROL'S FIGHTING WITHDRAWAL, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 6 MAY 2008.

Medal of Military Valour

WO R.J. Crane - FOR VALOUR AND DEVOTION TO DUTY WHEN HE SELFLESSLY REMAINED IN THE KILL ZONE TO EXTRACT AN AFGHAN CASUALTY AND SUPPORT ANOTHER CANADIAN SOLDIER THAT WAS CAUGHT IN THE OPEN. HIS SELFLESS COURAGE SAVED CANADIAN AND AFGHAN LIVES AND PREVENTED THE COMPANY FROM BEING OUTFLANKED, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 4 AUGUST 2008;

WO D.M. Verge - FOR SELFLESS COURAGE, TACTICAL ACUMEN AND STEADY LEADERSHIP UNDER FIRE, SET A SUPERB EXAMPLE OF RESOLVE TO HIS SUBORDINATES AND PREVENTED AN AFGHAN POLICE SUBSTATION FROM BEING OVERRUN, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 30 MARCH 2008;

Sgt M.J.J. Cote - FOR COURAGEOUS AND SELFLESS ACTIONS WHEN HE CONTINUED TO EXPOSE HIMSELF TO INTENSE ENEMY FIRE TO TREAT INJURIES AND ENCOURAGE WOUNDED SOLDIERS DURING THE PROLONGED FIGHTING WITHDRAWAL, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 2 JUNE 2008;

Sgt R. Gregoire - FOR INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND COURAGE WHEN HIS SECTION WAS AMBUSHED AND PINNED DOWN UNDER INTENSE ENEMY FIRE, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 14 JUNE 2008;

Sgt J.W. Kapitaniuk - FOR INSPIRATION LEADERSHIP AND COURAGE WHEN IN AN ATTEMPT TO SUPPORT A PLATOON THAT WAS PINNED DOWN UNDER HEAVY FIRE HE REPEATEDLY EXPOSED HIMSELF TO INTENSE SMALL ARMS FIRE, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 14 JUNE 2008;

MCpl M. Bursey - FOR COURAGE AND DECISIVE LEADERSHIP WHEN EXPOSED TO SUSTAINED ENEMY FIRE, HE REPEATEDLY RETURNED TO A BURNING VEHICLE FILLED WITH EXPLODING ORDNANCE, TO HELP EXTRACT AND TEND TO CASUALTIES, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 3 SEPTEMBER 2008;

HONOURS AND AWARDS



- MCpl B. Gallant - FOR COURAGE AND DEVOTION TO DUTY WHEN HE SELFLESSLY ADVANCED THROUGH HEAVY ENEMY MACHINE-GUN FIRE TO REACH THE CASUALTIES AND BEGAN TREATMENT OF THE INJURED, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 2 JUNE 2008;
- MCpl P. Rachynski - FOR COURAGE WHEN HE SELFLESSLY LED CANADIAN AND AFGHAN SOLDIERS THROUGH HEAVY INSURGENT FIRE TO REJOIN HIS BESIEGED PATROL WHICH WAS TAKING CASUALTIES, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 6 MAY 2008;
- Cpl M. Ejdrygiewicz - FOR COURAGE UNDER CONSTANT ENEMY FIRE, HE WORKED TO EXTRACT THE INJURED FROM A BURNING VEHICLE FULL OF EXPLODING ORDINANCE WHILE ALSO PROVIDING SUPPRESSIVE FIRE AGAINST THE INSURGENTS, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 3 SEPTEMBER 2008;
- Cpl T.B. Myroniuk - FOR SELFLESS COURAGE BY REMAINING IN THE KILL ZONE TO EXTRACT AN AFGHAN CASUALTY AND SUPPORT ANOTHER CANADIAN SOLDIER THAT WAS CAUGHT IN THE OPEN, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 4 AUGUST 2008;
- Cpl A. Rotundi - FOR SELFLESS COURAGE WHILE EXPOSED TO INTENSE ENEMY FIRE, HE ASSISTED TWO SERIOUSLY INJURED SOLDIERS AND RELENTLESSLY RETURNED FIRE TO ALLOW FIRST AID AND CASUALTY EVACUATION, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 6 MAY 2008; AND
- Pte J. Kochan - FOR SELFLESS COURAGE WHEN HE WAS EXPOSED TO SUSTAINED ENEMY FIRE AND EXPLODING ORDINANCE FROM A BURNING VEHICLE, HE HELPED EVACUATE AND TREAT ONE OF THE WOUNDED SOLDIERS, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 3 SEPTEMBER 2008.

Mention in Dispatches

- Sgt S.H. McPhail - FOR COURAGE AND VALIANT EFFORTS UNDER FIRE, WHILE SUFFERING TWO GUNSHOT WOUNDS, HE PROVIDED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE TO ALLOW THE PATROL TO PUSH THROUGH THE AMBUSH, 29 AUGUST 2006, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN.

Meritorious Service Cross (Military Division)

- LCol D.A. Mills - FOR OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONALISM AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, 3RD INFANTRY DIVISION AND MULTI-NATIONAL DIVISION IRAQ, MARCH 2007 TO JUNE 2008;
- MWO R.A. Dearing - FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONALISM AS THE CSM, OMLT, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, JANUARY TO AUGUST 2008; AND
- WO J.R. McNabb - FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP, SUPERB JUDGEMENT, STEADINESS UNDER FIRE AND EXCEPTIONALLY SKILLED COORDINATION OF COMBAT ASSETS INSTILLED CONFIDENCE HIS MENTORING TEAM, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, MAY TO JULY 2008.

Meritorious Service Medal (Military Division)

- Col J.R. Riffou - FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONALISM AS THE CO OF THE OLMT, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, FEBRUARY TO SEPTEMBER 2008;



HONOURS AND AWARDS

- Maj J.E. Allen - FOR EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONALISM AS OC OF THE CIVIL MILITARY COOPERATION COY, KRPT, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, FEBRUARY TO SEPTEMBER 2008;
- Maj S.A. Grubb - FOR SUPERB LEADERSHIP AND REMARKABLE DEDICATION AS THE OC C COY, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, FEBRUARY TO SEPTEMBER 2008;
- Maj C.R. Henderson - FOR UNWAVERING LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONALISM AS THE OC C COY, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, FEBRUARY TO AUGUST 2007;
- Maj R.T. Ritchie - FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AS A MEMBER OF THE OMLT, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, MARCH TO SEPTEMBER 2008;
- WO T.B. Buchanan - FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AS A MEMBER OF THE OMLT, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, FEBRUARY TO AUGUST 2008;
- WO M.P. Forest - FOR SUPERIOR LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION AS A MEMBER OF C COY, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, FEBRUARY TO SEPTEMBER 2008;
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- WO J.G. Pickard - FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AS A MEMBER OF THE B COY, 2 PPCLI BG, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, FEBRUARY TO SEPTEMBER 2008;
- WO T.C. Wolaniuk - FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION AS A MEMBER OF 12 FIELD SQN, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, FEBRUARY TO SEPTEMBER 2008;
- Cpl T. Latta - FOR DECISIVE COMBAT LEADERSHIP AS A MEMBER OF THE OMLT, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, FEBRUARY TO SEPTEMBER 2008;
- Cpl J. Petten - FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AS A MEMBER OF THE OMLT, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, JANUARY TO AUGUST 2008;
- Cpl J.C.W. Prior - FOR DECISIVE LEADERSHIP AS A MEMBER OF THE OMLT, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, JANUARY TO AUGUST 2008;
- Cpl C. Smithers - FOR PROFESSIONALISM AND OUTSTANDING DEDICATION AS A MEDICAL ASSISTANT DEPLOYED WITH THE PRT, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, FEBRUARY TO SEPTEMBER 2008;
- Cpl R. Swanson - FOR EXCEPTIONAL TACTICAL LEADERSHIP AND DEVOTION TO DUTY AS A MEMBER OF THE OMLT, WHERE HE DIRECTED CANADIAN AND AFGHAN FORCES IN THE DEFENCE OF A POLICE SUBSTATION WHICH CAME UNDER ENEMY FIRE, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 21 APRIL 2008; AND



Pte M.M. Murray - FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND UNWAVERING DEDICATION AS A MEMBER OF C COY, 2 PPCLI BG, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, FEBRUARY TO SEPTEMBER 2008.

Chief of Defence Staff Commendation

Capt J.S. Snyder (Posthumous) -
FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION WHEN HE PROVIDED LIFE-SAVING FIRST-AID TO AFGHAN SOLDIERS FOLLOWING AN ACCIDENTAL EXPLOSION, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, ON 26 FEBRUARY 2008;

WO C.M. Homer - FOR PROFESSIONALISM AND DEDICATION, BY INCREASING THE TACTICAL COMMUNICATION CAPABILITIES OF FORWARD OPERATING BASES, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, MAY TO OCTOBER 2008;

Cpl D.A. Nash - FOR HIS OUTSTANDING LIFE SAVING ACTION WHILE ON A CLIMBING EXPEDITION ON MOUNT RAINIER, WASHINGTON, USA, 27 AUGUST 2005; AND

Cpl S. Wright - FOR PROFESSIONALISM AND SELFLESS EFFORT TREATING AND EVACUATING A MEDIC WOUNDED BY AN IED ON 6 JULY 2008, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN.

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MCpl D.W. Fraser -	TOP CANDIDATE DP 2A INFANTRY PRIMARY LEADERSHIP COURSE;
MCpl J.P. Veasey -	TOP CANDIDATE INFANTRY PRIMARY LEADERSHIP COURSE;
Pte D.J. Johnston -	TOP FEMALE MOUNTAIN MAN 2009;



HONOURS AND AWARDS

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DP1 Inf 0032 Pursuit to Mons (12 May)

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Most Improved Pte S.P. Herdman

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Top Shot Pte C.A. Perrin
Most Improved Pte N.G. Kreidie

DP1 Inf 0068 San Fortunato (25 Aug)

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THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

2009 continued the transitional trend that began in 2008 at the Regimental Museum and Archives with the departure of Warrant Officer Ron Gallant, the detachment I.C., returning to Edmonton. The Military Museums welcomed Warrant Officer Patrick Tower, SVM, CD as the new General Manager of the PPC Museum and Archives. Sergeant Christopher Mavin, CD was posted in from Wainwright in order to hold down the Collections Manager position. Corporal Andrew Mullett, formally of the Second Battalion arrived "bright eyed and bushy tailed" to secure the Registrars duties. Sergeant Bruce Graham who had been the Regimental Archivist was posted to Wainwright.

With the evolution of personnel complete, the ongoing transitions in the Galleries, Collections Storage and Archives continued. New graphics in the entrance portion of the gallery have been ordered and will be in place shortly after Christmas. The famous "Comedy Troupe" will have been replaced by the "Art of Trench Raiding". Modernization of our Second World War exhibit continued and new graphics are scheduled for installation. Former serving members of the Korean era have contributed greatly to the enhancement of their gallery area. At the end of the public gallery, the much anticipated Afghanistan display was started with an expected completion date of fall 2010. In this regard all members of the Regiment are encouraged to donate any materials from this latest series of operations. In addition, work has started on the renovation of the Victoria Cross display case to allow the viewing of our three actual awards. Assisting in these efforts were volunteers Denis Wright, retired Coldstream Guards, and the "digger" from down under, retired 3 RAR (Airborne) Corporal Rick Chong.

Although many visitors and guests leave positive accolades about the Gallery, most of the work continued behind the scenes in the Collection cage, Weapons storage, and the Archives. Part of the year saw Sgt Mavin and Cpl Mullett arranging the new storage lockers for our extensive uniform collection, antiques and "trophies of war". Modifications to the collection cage comprised of a new collections receiving area with office space for the registration and holding of new donations. Further development took shape in the form of a specific area for our fine art holdings. The end result is a very successful series of specific individual modules for each of the domains. Assisted by volunteers Joyce Parsons, Kathryn Julien, Janine Gillis and Doug Bedford, the ongoing task of cataloguing and photographing existing holdings and the addition of new donations saw the year pass quickly.

In the Archives area things progressed with the ongoing Alberta Archives Society project. We had the assistance of Jonathan Hollett, a Practicum Student from Ambrose University who commenced research and scanning photographs of all Patricia's who have been killed. This, a 'living project', will be ready for the Regimental Centennial and will be continued on by the 2010/2011 student.

The museum detachment also supported various functions held in The Military Museums (TMM) both on behalf of the Regiment such as the October Hall of Honour re-dedication, and facility wide, such as the Royal Visit by the Countess of Essex, Remembrance Day Ceremony, Military Dinning In, and Volunteer Appreciation Nights. These taskings illustrate the detachment's versatility. We also hosted many family visitations from both new Patricia's that are still in Battle School and from those currently holding positions within the Regimental lines.



**Remembrance Day 2009 at The Military Museums
(L to R) Warrant Officer Patrick Tower, Commissioner Jerry Felix, Corporal Andrew Mullett, Sergeant Christopher Mavin**



Outside the Museum, the detachment supported the PPCLI cadets in several areas, including preparation for their "Regimental History" qualification. In light of the PPCLI Association's excellent continual financial support, the detachment was able to assist in the Calgary Branch's annual breakfast event. Many of the Association members who reside in Calgary continue to play an important role in the detachment by conducting various group tours. Members range in experience dating back to the Second World War as exemplified by George Couture. This trend of "volunteerism" continues with Korean War era members, George Arthurson, Harry Edwards and Ken Villigers. Youngsters Sam Simpson and Ron Fraser round out this "crew" of gallery guides who expertly impart the history and traditions of our Regiment. Retired CWO Joe Schulz has become both a teacher and student favourite in his ability to put students through the Parade Square/Drill Sessions of TMM Education Program.

Our year at TMM would not have been as successful without the collective effort by staff and volunteers alike of our Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Museum and Archives. In closing, this "tiny" Patricia outpost would also like to acknowledge the grateful and continuous support received from the PPCLI Association and the many donors.



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RETIREMENTS

The following soldiers of the Regiment have taken their retirement after 20 years or more of dedicated and loyal service:

LCol M.J. English, CD (33 yrs)

Maj A.S. Gill, CD (23 yrs)
Maj S.B. Wyatt, MSM, CD (26 yrs)

Capt J.M. Shorten, CD (26 yrs)
Capt R.A.F. Thibeau, CD (37 yrs)

CWO L.V.J. Surridge, MMM, CD (34 yrs)

MWO A.J. Whitehall, MMM, CD (31 yrs)
WO Boustad, CD
WO Corriveau, CD
WO B.G. Frampton, CD (25 yrs)
WO K.T. Grant, CD (23 yrs)
WO M.A. MacNeil, CD (20 yrs)
WO Newman, CD
WO K.G. Ryan, CD (28 yrs)
WO K.G. Smith, CD (20 yrs)
WO Young, CD

Sgt P.W. Dwytriw, CD (20 yrs)
Sgt J.B. Ives, CD (22 yrs)
Sgt Mortin, CD
Sgt D.D. Smith, CD (22 yrs)
Sgt C.T. Thombs, CD (20 yrs)

Cpl S.W.R. Bowe, CD (20 yrs)

Maj S.P. Moran, CD (20 yrs)

Capt E.F. Sqiores, CD (30 yrs)

CWO G.A. Trenholm, CD (29 yrs)

WO Corbin, CD
WO S.G. Ellingson, CD (20 yrs)
WO V.S. Genest, CD (25 yrs)
WO D.C. Jacobs, CD (25 yrs)
WO J.P. Marchioni, CD (33 yrs)
WO P.G. Palmer, CD
WO Short, CD
WO J.K. Stang, CD (22 yrs)

Sgt R.A. Gillis, CD (30 yrs)
Sgt McGurgin, CD
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Sgt C.M. Sutherland, CD (27 yrs)
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Cpl A.F. Langevin, CD (20 yrs)



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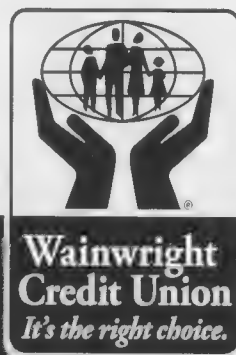
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REGIMENTAL VETERANS CARE



Another year has passed and your Regimental Care Team has continued its mission to provide the best support possible to our Regimental family.

As the Regiment continues its fight on the battlefield, we are working with the Chain of Command and numerous Support Agencies, both military and civilian. This will ensure that all of our soldiers and their families are receiving comprehensive information to a myriad of programs that are making a very positive influence on the future care of all Patricias.

Although we continue to take casualties and suffer injuries, it is a fact that the Regiment is far more prepared today than it was four years ago to support our soldiers by taking advantage of all of the support programs so recently implemented. Through our continued interaction with and the support of the Brigade Chain of Command, Joint Personnel Support Unit (JPSU), Director Casualty Support Management (DCSM), and the staff at local and national Health Care facilities, we have been able to enhance the Regiment's ability to monitor and support our casualties.



Capt Trevor Green and wife Debbie during a visit from the RVC Cell

A testament to the Patricias long history of "leading the way" in all facets of soldering, is the fact that the PPCLI initiative and forethought of establishing a Regimental Care Cell has been recognized at a national level and is currently being mirrored by the Royal Canadian Regiment as well as various Sub- Units. We are pleased to have been of assistance in briefing the RCR Regimental Major on the PPCLI model and look forward to assisting the Royals in standing up their own RVC Cell. This cooperation will help to insure a continuity and "interlocking of arcs" in our casualty care at a national level.

RVC WO D.G. Shultz presenting Pte C. McCauley with his Canadian Military Certificate of Service



We shall continue to offer our support and recommendations to the Chain of Command, you the soldier, and as well as to all of our family members.

The Regimental Veterans Care Cell can be reached by phone at CSN 528-5546 or at (780) 973-4011



FALLEN PATRICIAS



Corporal Nicholas Bulger was born in Toronto on 4 June 1979 and raised in Buckhorn, ON. He enrolled in the Canadian Forces in September 2000. Cpl Bulger completed his Basic Engagement as a member of 1 PPCLI, releasing in September 2003. After his release from the PPCLI, Cpl Bulger worked in Alberta's oil fields as a Rig Hand and a Firefighter. He later chose to re-enrol and was posted to 3 PPCLI in January 2008. Cpl Bulger deployed as part of Task Force 5-09 as a LAV III driver in the Task Force Commander's Tactical Headquarters. He was killed in action on 3 July 2009 when his vehicle struck an Improvised Explosive Device northwest of Strong Point Ghundy Ghar in

the Zhari District of Kandahar Province, Afghanistan. A loving husband and devoted father, son and big brother, Cpl Bulger had a passion for life and taking on new adventures and challenges. Cpl Bulger is survived by his loving wife Rebeka and two daughters, Brooke-Lynn and Elizabeth, as well as his mother Kathleen, brothers Christopher and Sheldon and sister Jessica.



Sapper Steven Henry Marshall was born 12 January 1985 in Calgary, AB. He joined the Canadian Forces in Edmonton on 27 June 2007. Upon completion of basic training, Spr Marshall joined 1 Combat Engineer Regiment. Spr Marshall deployed on Task Force 3-09 as a member of 11 Field Squadron attached to 1 PPCLI, Task Force 3-09 Battle Group. He was killed on 30 October 2009 by an Improvised Explosive Device while conducting operations in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan. Spr Marshall was regarded by his peers and comrades as "the kind of guy who would do anything for you and ask nothing in return", the kind of guy who would strive to live his life with courage,

dedication, and an uplifting spirit. He was regarded as a soldier's soldier, a young man who was passionate about hockey and always wore a grin. Spr Marshall was devoted to his family and friends, and to his family he was a loving brother and son.



Lieutenant Justin Garrett Boyes was born 6 February 1983 in Saskatoon, SK. He joined the military on 4 January 2001, serving with the reserve unit North Saskatchewan Regiment and later commissioned as an officer in the Regular Force on 10 March 2007. Lt Boyes was posted to 3 PPCLI on 2 September 2008. He was deployed on his second tour in Afghanistan; the first in 2004 with the Police Operational Mentoring Liaison Team of Task Force Afghanistan 3-09 as a mentor to Afghan National Police. Lt Boyes was a quiet leader; considering all of the factors at hand, then taking deliberate and decisive action. Close friends and comrades-in-arms describe him as someone who

would always be there when needed, an easy going Prairie boy, one that enjoyed the simple things in life. He loved his wife and son more than anything in the world, and would spend every chance he had with them. Lt Boyes was killed by an Improvised Explosive Device in the Kandahar province. He is survived by his spouse Alanna, his son James, his father David, mother Angela, his sister Lindsay Knox, and his brother Curtis Boyes who is serving with 2 PPCLI. He will be sorely missed and dearly remembered by his family, teammates, friends, and the Regimental Family.



Lieutenant Andrew Richard Nuttall was born on 27 June 1979 in Prince Rupert, BC. He worked in the information technology field and as a personal trainer before joining the military on 29 March 2007. Upon completion of training in August 2008, he was posted to 1 PPCLI. He deployed in September 2009 as 12 Platoon Commander, D- Coy, of the TF 3-09 Battle Group. Lt Nuttall was an outgoing, thoughtful and dedicated officer. His easy-going and approachable nature made him a popular and respected leader within his platoon and company. His "lead-from-the-front" leadership style always apparent, he had fully embraced the concepts of counter-

insurgency operations, spending countless hours living and working closely with his Afghan brothers-in-arms. Lt Nuttall could always be counted upon to keep the mood light, even during the trying moments. Lt Nuttall was killed by an Improvised Explosive Device in Kandahar Province on 23 December 2009. He is survived by his father Rick, his mother Jane, and his brother John. Lt Nuttall's zeal for life and his infectious smile will be extremely missed by all his family, friends, those who had the honour to serve with him, and the entire Regimental family.



Private Garrett William Chidley was born on 22 March 1988 in Cambridge, ON and was raised in Langley, BC from the age of three months. As a technically minded adolescent, Pte Chidley's father enrolled him in flying lessons at the age of fourteen. By the time he was fifteen he had completed his first solo flight. He attended Belmont Elementary School and graduated from Langley Senior Secondary School in 2006. Pte Chidley joined the military on 21 December 2006 and upon completion of basic training in December 2007, he was posted to 2 PPCLI. As soon as he arrived at the unit, Pte Chidley began his preparations for the upcoming deployment to Afghanistan by completing a number of primary combat function courses. He deployed in October 2009 as a LAV driver in Mobility Platoon, Stabilization Company Alpha of the Task Force 3-09 Provincial Reconstruction Team. Pte Chidley was killed by an Improvised Explosive Device in Kandahar Province on 30 December 2009. He is survived by his father Cameron (Cam) Chidley, his mother Sian LeSueur, his spouse Danielle Risch, his brother and sister, Joseph (Joe) and Devon Chidley. Pte Chidley's sense of humour and compassionate ear will be missed by his family, friends, those who had the honour to serve with him, and the entire Regimental family.



Corporal Zachery (Zack) Wilfred McCormack was born on 14 March 1988 in Edmonton, AB. He joined the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI) on 1 August 2006. Initially he served in B-Company until being transferred to A-Company on 28 August 2008. He completed his Infantry Platoon Support Weapons Course Qualification on 3 December 2008. He deployed on Task Force 3-09 in October 2009 with the Provincial Reconstruction Team in Camp Nathan Smith as a Rifleman. Cpl McCormack was an excellent soldier. He was well respected by all members of his Regiment. He was kind hearted, determined, and tough. He always wore a smile with an air of pride in his stance. His courage and dedication exemplify the best of our Army and our Nation. Prior to deployment Zack worked as a second year apprentice electrician for Muth Electrical Management and was enrolled in the apprenticeship program at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology. Cpl McCormack was killed by an Improvised Explosive Device in Kandahar Province on 30 December 2009. He is survived by his mother Armande, father Robin, sisters Courtney and Isabelle of Sherwood Park. He is also survived by his fiancée Miss Nicole Brisson of Edmonton. Cpl McCormack will be sorely missed and dearly remembered by his family, friends, and the Regimental Family.



Sergeant K.G. Taylor was born on 10 April 1981 in Yarmouth, NS. He joined the military on 5 April 2000 serving in the Reserve Force with 84th Independent Field Battery, RCA. Since the completion of basic training, Sgt Taylor worked as a member of the Royal Canadian Artillery School and LFAA Training Centre in Gagetown, NB. In his civilian life, Sgt Taylor worked at Y.A.C.R.O (Yarmouth Association for Community Residential Options). At this job he worked with people with special needs from all walks of life. Sgt Taylor completed the Tactical CIMIC Operator course in April 2008 and was deployed on Task Force 3-09 in October 2009 with the Provincial Reconstruction Team as a CIMIC Operator. Sgt Taylor was a natural born leader. His professionalism and dedication to the task at hand as well as those under his command was truly remarkable. As a volunteer instructor with 110 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps (RCACC) and as a Team Leader with the Yarmouth Ground Search and Rescue Team, he demonstrated that his passion for helping those in need extended far beyond what was required of him as a soldier and a care worker at Y.A.C.R.O. Sgt Taylor had a unique way of keeping things short and to the point. Regardless of how difficult any challenge may have been, he always met it with a positive "can do" attitude; his mere presence providing inspiration to his soldiers while lifting their morale during the bleakest of situations. Sgt Taylor was killed by an Improvised Explosive Device in Kandahar Province on 30 December 2009. He is survived by his girlfriend Felica Raymond, his mother Christina Smith, his sister Stephanie Wickens, and his brother James Wickens. Sgt Taylor will be forever missed and dearly remembered by his family, friends, and the entire Gunner Family.



FALLEN PATRICIAS



Sergeant G.R. Miok joined the Canadian Forces on 7 May 1998. He completed basic combat engineer training as a member of 41 Combat Engineer Regiment. He deployed on Task Force 3-09 in October 2009 as a Section Commander in Stabilization Company A (A Company, 2 PPCLI) of the Task Force 3-09 Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team. Sgt Miok deployed on three operational tours; once to the Balkans and twice to Afghanistan. His first deployment was to Bosnia and Herzegovina as a Mine Monitor Driver and Storeman on Op PALLADIUM Roto 11, based out of Sipovo from September 2002 through April 2003. Sgt Miok's second tour

was to the Middle East and Afghanistan where he was employed as a Section 2IC for the Defense and Security Platoon from December 2005 through July 2006. This current deployment was his second to Afghanistan. In addition to military training and three operational deployments, Sgt Miok had earned his Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta in 2006 and was employed as a math, physical education and religious studies teacher at École St. Cecilia Junior High in Edmonton. Sgt Miok was killed by an Improvised Explosive Device in Kandahar Province on 30 December, 2009. He is survived by his parents Anna and Illes, and three brothers, Mike, Les and John. Sgt Miok will be sorely missed and dearly remembered by his family, friends and both Regimental Families. We will remember him. Chimo.



Sergeant John Wayne Faught was born 20 April, 1965 in Sault Ste. Marie, ON. He joined the military on 29 May 1990. Upon completion of Battle School in Wainwright, he was posted to 2 PPCLI in December of 1990. Sgt Faught served in all three of the Regiment's battalions and he even served with E Company (TOW) as part of the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadian). A seasoned soldier, he deployed to Croatia, twice to Bosnia, and three times to Afghanistan. His current deployment was as a Section Commander in 11 Platoon, Delta Company of the Task Force 3-09 Battle Group. Sgt Faught was very much the father figure of his section. His soldiers fondly

referred to him as "Toast" because he was "hard and crusty". Sgt Faught was a career soldier and he took immense pride in taking care of and mentoring the soldiers in his section. Sgt Faught was killed by an Improvised Explosive Device in Kandahar Province on 16 January 2010. He is survived by his mother, Donna Marie Crosson, and his sister, Shawna Faught. Sgt Faught believed in the profession of arms and was an inspiration to all who soldiered with him. The Regiment has not only lost a great leader, we have lost a great friend and a true character.



Corporal Joshua Caleb Baker was born on 14 June 1985 in Toronto ON. Joshua joined the Canadian Army on 24 September 2003. After completing his trades training, he joined the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. He served with both 1 PPCLI and 2 PPCLI. He completed various courses with the PPCLI, becoming a LAV III driver in April of 2005. He joined the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI) on 11 March 2008, initially serving in A-Company. He deployed on Task Force 3-09 in October of 2009 with the Provincial Reconstruction Team in Camp Nathan Smith as a Rifleman. Cpl Baker was an excellent soldier and was respected by all members of his

Regiment. Josh loved being in the army and was avidly enthusiastic about serving his country. He had an infectious sense of humour, was soft spoken, and a determined professional soldier. His courage and dedication exemplified the best of our Army and our Nation. Cpl Baker was killed in a training accident in Kandahar Province. He is survived by his mother Janet Baker-Kiss, grandmother Lillian Baker Conrad, grandfather David Conrad, and sister Heather Middleton. Cpl Baker will be sorely missed and dearly remembered by his family, friends, and the Regimental Family. We will remember him.



Corporal Darren James Fitzpatrick was born 1 June 1988 in Burnaby, BC. He joined the Canadian Forces on 18 December 2006 in Vancouver, BC and completed his basic military training in St Jean-Sur-Richelieu, PQ. Cpl Fitzpatrick was then posted to Wainwright, AB and Shilo, MB in order to finish his Infantryman Qualifications before being posted to Third Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Edmonton, AB on 24 August 2007. He was on his first deployment to Afghanistan, working with the Operational Mentor and Liaison Team. Dedicated, Cpl Darren Fitzpatrick's comrades knew he could always be counted upon. He was known as a character by his peers

when playing poker, darts or cribbage, but was a silent professional when it came time to soldiering. His actions spoke louder than any words could have. Corporal Fitzpatrick gave all that he had at everything he did, from playing hockey to every convoy and patrol in which he participated. Cpl Fitzpatrick was critically injured by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) during a joint Canadian/Afghan dismounted patrol West of Kandahar City on 6 March 2010. He was treated for his injuries at Kandahar Airfield, moved to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany and was then evacuated to the University of Alberta Hospital in Edmonton on 19 Mar. He passed away the following day surrounded by his family. He is survived by his mother Colleen, his father James, and his brothers Mike and Sean. Cpl Darren Fitzpatrick will be missed terribly by his family, friends, and the Regiment. His sacrifice will not be forgotten.



Private Tyler William Todd was born 13 July 1983 in Kitchener, ON. He joined the Canadian Forces on 24 October 2007 in Kitchener, ON, and completed his basic military training in St Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC in February of 2008. Upon completion of Battle School in Wainwright, he was posted to First Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in July 2008. Pte Todd was on his first overseas mission, deploying to Afghanistan on 22 October 2009. Pte Todd was a dedicated and likeable soldier with a good sense of humour. He would often hide rocks and candies in the other soldiers' beds. Pte Todd's enthusiasm and strong will were an inspiration to his platoon. He was highly

motivated, unselfishly contributed to team efforts and was dedicated to his team's success. Pte Todd was doing what he loved to do: soldiering in a theatre of operation alongside his friends. Pte Todd died on 11 April 2010, in an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blast while on a routine foot patrol near the town of Beldanday, eight kilometres outside the provincial capital of Kandahar. He is survived by his parents Bryan and Beverly Todd, and his sisters, Jenna Todd, who is expecting, and Samantha Witzel. Pte Todd believed in his chosen profession and was an inspiration to all who soldiered with him. The Regiment has lost a great friend and a true soldier. He will be missed by his family, friends and the Regiment. His sacrifice will not be forgotten.



Private Kevin Thomas McKay was born on 28 February 1986, in Richmond Hill, ON. He joined the CF on 9 August 2007. He was posted to 1 PPCLI on 9 May 2008 upon completion of his BIQ. This was his first overseas deployment. Pte McKay, commonly referred to as "Mickey" was considered to be part of the "heart of his section". He was deeply concerned about all those around him and was extremely dedicated to not only his section and platoon, but to his family as well. He was known for his sense of humour and was instrumental in maintaining high morale within his section. Pte McKay was never shy to step up and get things done. He was able to improvise, adapt, and overcome in

all instances and rarely needed guidance on the completion of tasks. He loved spending time outdoors, whether it was camping or fishing, along with working with wood. He proved to be quite adept at building log houses, where his natural attention to detail, combined with his love of wood working, garnered him a standing job offer in Ontario. Pte McKay was killed by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) during a dismounted night patrol in the Panjwayi district in Kandahar Province on 13 May 2010. He is survived by his mother, Elizabeth Clare McKay, father, Frederick Charles McKay, and his brother, Riley James McKay. We will remember him.



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A COMPANY

In February 2009, A Company 1 PPCLI conducted a major reorganization to get ready for the upcoming tour to Afghanistan. Our first major obstacle was Exercise DESERT RAM. The platoons conducted mounted and dismounted live fire training that included section and platoon group attacks, while getting the newer soldiers used to the confined living space of the Light Armoured Vehicles.



After what seemed like years in Suffield, the Coy headed back to Edmonton for a few days "off" before re-establishing ourselves in Wainwright for Ex MAPLE GUARDIAN. The first set of orders we received had TANACHOY as the objective and 3 Platoon as the lead element in the assault. After travelling through the dark and conducting some quick recoveries due to the terrain, the small village was eventually in our sights. As 3 Platoon started its attack, they quickly became the hunted as a recoilless rifle had taken out three of the Platoon's LAVs and one from Coy HQ. However, after some quick decisive actions, the attack was complete and we held the village. The days following

the attack we began to work with the local villagers which proved to be trying but also helpful. A Coy was able to get a taste of how to interact with local nationals and learn more about the Afghan culture, which was a necessity for the upcoming operation.

The first elements of the Coy departed for Afghanistan in the early days of September. The Coy moved to Masum Ghar to conduct a Relief-In-Place with B Coy of the Second Battalion R22eR. The handover given was excellent and many of their lessons learned were passed on. The Coy's Area of Operations (AO), approximately ten kilometres by seven kilometres, was a small one with two major patrol bases, Mohajerin and Salavat, which later in the tour became known as Folad. The Afghan National Army was present in both locations and many strong allegiances were formed between us. 1 Platoon and 2 Platoon lived in Folad and 3 Platoon had taken charge of Mohajerin. 2 Platoon is the manoeuvre element within the Coy and is often found living out of their LAVs, and foraging throughout the patrol bases located throughout the AO.



Members of A Coy working with ANA

B COMPANY (REAR PARTY)

After a very satisfactory Christmas leave, 1 PPCLI spent the month of January in rapid preparations for a busy training and operational year. By the end of January 2009, and with the official stand-up of the Task Force 3-09 Battle Group rapidly approaching, these preparations included the restructure of the Battalion in a form that could support the upcoming deployment.

When TF 3-09 BG officially stood up on 2 February, the final stage of the long 1 PPCLI Road to War began in earnest. B Coy, newly returned from post-deployment leave, was again on the ground in the Bn lines, and began taking up their vital role in support of the new deployment. A flurry of Primary Combat Function courses including driver courses on various vehicle platforms, platoon weapons courses, and Primary Leadership Qualification courses were run for the benefit of the deploying soldiers. The Family Support Cell began its role, as soldiers deployed in every direction on training. Vital links with the resources of the Deployment Support Group and the Military Family Resource Centre were forged, enabling future support to the families of the deployed soldiers.

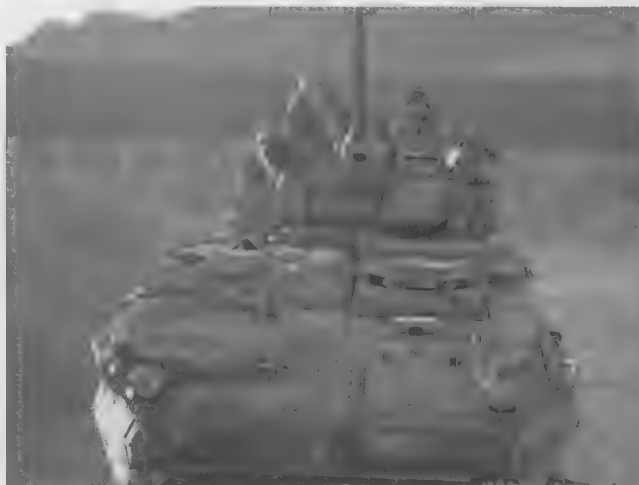
The Rear Party began to assume its main task in April, as the TF stepped out the door to Canadian Forces Base Suffield for Ex DESERT RAM from 3 April to 23 May. With only a week of leave at the end of this long Ex, the Battalion then re-deployed to Wainwright for an additional five weeks on Ex MAPLE GUARDIAN. The vehicle maintainers and support personnel of Administration Coy and the Rear Party Operations Cell worked long hours to keep the Battalion's stock of vehicles off the repairs list and in the field. Family Support Center got a crash course in a new kind of voice procedure, answering the numerous calls from anxious spouses, girlfriends and parents of the soldiers deployed on training.

By the time the Task Force was finally out the door, the Rear Party was well into the swing of things in their new job, supporting returning casualties and their families in hospital, as well as running family events and entertainment. These events were an effort to combat the stress felt by many families in the absence of their loved ones. Rear Party also fanned out across the region in support of Remembrance Day, with many young soldiers invited to speak in schools.

C COMPANY

The year began with C Coy preparing for the TF 3-09 BG stand-up, which occurred on 2 Feb 2009. Many regular and reserve force attachments from around Land Force Western Area joined the Coy to begin a rigorous training regimen in preparation for work up training.

The first stop was Ex PATRICIA WARRIOR, which was an Individual Battle Task Standards training event and gun camp conducted at Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Wainwright in March. Although ironic to be preparing for desert Ops in the frozen plains of Alberta, the Ex was a good shakeout for the newly formed sections.



Capt Zivkow and Pte Esson

After spring break, C Coy traveled to CFB Suffield with the rest of the BG to participate in Ex DESERT RAM. This was an intense experience which culminated in a successful Level Seven Brigade offensive operation against a Soviet-style foe. Immediately following this event, three weeks were spent back in Wainwright for Ex MAPLE GUARDIAN. C Coy proved its worth as COIN fighters in many varied scenarios which highlighted the unique and unpredictable operating environment soon to be faced in Afghanistan.



MacIsaac receiving his promotion to Sgt



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The Coy began rotating into Afghanistan in the last week of September and conducted a handover with C Coy of the R22eR until the Transfer of Command Authority date of 15 October. The Coy conducted AO familiarization and commenced routine patrolling in the Sperwan Ghar area.

C Coy was visited by the Chief of Defense Staff as part of the Men's Christmas Dinner on 25 December, at Sperwen Ghar. This was a joyous event which reminded everyone to count their blessings. The Coy will continue Ops in the New Year and looks forward to redeploying to Canada in the spring of 2010.



MWO Brodeur learns the tricks of Afghan construction



Capt Hone and Sgt Raper



Spr Woodburn on Patrol with C Coy



9 Platoon, C Company



D COMPANY

2009 proved to be a very busy year for D Coy. Starting in February, D Coy officially started on the Road to War with several PCF cycles as well as deployments to Suffield and Wainwright, for Ex DESERT RAM and MAPLE GUARDIAN respectively.

D Coy was one of the last sub-units in the BG to deploy to Afghanistan with TF 3-09. Once the Coy arrived, they were instantly deployed in one of the largest BG Ops to date. During Op HYDRA, D Coy secured the north end of NAKHONAY in order to set the conditions for the rest of the BG to clear the villages of NAKHONAY and HAJI BABA. After the Op was complete, D Coy established platoon houses in HAJI BABA and just north east of the village in A10, enabling the Coy to conduct Ops within the villages in order to further define and shape the surrounding areas for the remainder of the tour.

On 23 December 2009, D Coy lost a leader and a friend. Partnered with the ANA, Lieutenant Andrew Nuttall was leading from the front when an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) struck his patrol in the NAKHONAY area. D Coy will always remember Andy because he was everything a Canadian soldier and officer should be.



Lt A. Nuttall (left)

12 Platoon resided in the PB "A10" but when the majority of the ANA's 2 Kandak, Bravery Coy co-located with 12 Platoon, the PB was renamed to PB "SHOJA" (Afghan for Bravery). With the loss of our comrade, we once again renamed the PB in order to honour Andy for his dedication to the mission. The platoon house is now named "PB NUTTS".

On 16 January 2010, D Coy suffered another tragic loss. Sergeant John Wayne Faught stepped on a victim operated IED and sustained fatal injuries. He was patrolling in the northwest of Nakhonay in the Panjwayi District of Afghanistan.

Sgt John Wayne Faught was very much the father figure of 2 Section, 11 Platoon. His soldiers lovingly referred to him as "Toast", because he was hard and crusty. Given the relative youth and inexperience of his section members, Sgt Faught took great pride and care in passing on his considerable knowledge and operational experience to his soldiers. Sgt Faught was known for his methodical and deliberate approach to soldiering, ensuring that the safety of his troops was paramount, much like a parent looking over his young children.

Andy and John, you will truly be missed.

COMBAT SUPPORT COMPANY

Combat Support Coy being a unique Coy within the BG has had quite an exciting year. The Coy as a whole has been quite busy throughout work-up training and up to deployment.

The BG Snipers have been doing excellent work supporting those in all scenarios of force protection within the BG AO. Signals have been involved in many facets of specific training as well as general training and knowledge for all within the BG. Niner Tac facilitates the tactical movement of the TF 3-09 BG CO LCol (Jerry) Walsh, DCO Maj (Richard) Turner, and RSM CWO (Shawn) Stevens throughout the BG AO within the Panjwayi and Dand districts of Kandahar province, Afghanistan.



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Reconnaissance Platoon is employed performing tasks such as route recce, identifying river crossing points and helicopter landing zones, manning observation posts and setting ambushes along suspected insurgent transit points.



RECCE Platoon



Allen, Woodworking

Another part of the Coy, the Tactical Operations Centre (TOC), runs 24 hours a day seven days a week. The TOC collects information, synthesizes it, and produces direction constantly, both in the minute to minute sense and over a longer period of time. One of the biggest catch words in the TOC has been "FAIL". These are mostly in jest for discrepancies in font choice (ARIAL IN BOLD CAPITALS BEING THE ONLY ACCECPTABLE ONE) and improper underlining; never in the actual conduct of Ops.

We are all enjoying ourselves and definitely looking forward to returning to our families and the great country that is Canada.

ADMINISTRATION COMPANY

Having worked and trained continuously for more than a year, Admin Coy was ready to flex its muscles in September with its much anticipated deployment to Afghanistan. The Road to War was not an easy one, as anyone in Admin Coy can attest to.

Between September and December, the soldiers of Admin Coy have been at the forefront and in the background of every major Op that the TF 3-09 BG has been a part of in Kandahar. They are spread throughout the entire BG AO, in every forward operating base and in every patrol base. From the maintainers recovering vehicles under threat of enemy attack, to the drivers bringing supplies to remote patrol bases on IED-littered roads, to the Supply Techs and administrators pushing assets and supplies forward, the soldiers of Admin Coy have been working tirelessly to keep the BG moving.

Afghanistan in the fall and winter has presented new challenges for the maintainers and drivers. Since November, there has been a steady flow of rain, which, when mixed with the very fine dust of Southern Afghanistan, turns to a very thick mud. However, Admin Coy keeps on trucking.



The soldiers of Transport Platoon have also been working at a very high tempo. Equipped with the new AHSVS, Transport Platoon has been critical to the BG in providing integral assets to the sub-unit echelons in order to resupply and sustain the battle forward.

The Supply Techs have also had their fill of hard work in Afghanistan, effectively managing and prioritizing stock that is always in limited supply.



The days are long in Afghanistan and there are no holidays or weekends to break up the work week. On occasion, the soldiers of Admin Coy get together for barbecues to relax, unwind and enjoy each others' company. The real satisfaction for these soldiers, though, is in knowing that the soldiers of the BG have everything they need and are able to carry on with any mission, anywhere, and anytime!

TRADE PIONEERS

Trades Pioneers have had a very busy year working on many different projects which benefit the Regiment and its members. One project of particular interest to Patricia's is the newly added History Book Display located at the Edmonton International Airport.

Initially, MWO Butters had approached Trades wanting a display created for the Edmonton Airport to advertise for the Regiment's 100th Anniversary. Sgt Renwick made the suggestion that it look like a book to signify the Regiment's lucrative history. The concept was used and with the generous support from Gary Chanin of Chanin Hardwoods, Trades were able to create the display.



Sgt Renwick working on the Ribs of the Display



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Mr Chanin donated all the hardwood lumber and the aircraft plywood that was used to construct the pages of the book. The base and the top light cap are made from Jatoba. The finished project would not have been as impressive without the high quality of material that Mr Chanin provided. The completed project comes apart in four sections. The top light cap can be removed and the pages are completely separate sections. The base is a part in itself. Trades are also in the process of making four more pages for the display that can be switched out when needed. Each new page will depict a new chapter in the Regiments history, starting in 1914.



Almost completed book



Sgt Renwick, Cpl Mulessa, Cpl Quintile and Cpl Smith stand next the their finished product at the Edmonton International Airport



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The theme of this year's publication of The Patrician is "95 Years of Service." Clearly service to our country remains as important today as it did in 1914. It is a timeless quality that links all Patricia's. 2009 was a busy year for the Second Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI). Once again, the Second Battalion saw action as elements of the unit deployed for another rotation to Afghanistan. In addition, the rest of the Second Battalion worked tirelessly to prepare the 1 PPCLI Battle Group for their deployment, while simultaneously preparing themselves to support the upcoming 2010 Vancouver Olympic Games. 2009 was a year of great accomplishments, but also one marred with sacrifice. 2009 is a year that will live long in the memory of the soldiers of the Second Battalion.



2 PPCLI's Gold Medal winning Soccer team

Following the return from Christmas leave in January, the Second Battalion participated in Exercise STRONG CONTENDER. This was an exciting event for the Battalion as we appeared in full-strength rather than the skeleton crew that attended the competition last year, which coincided with our deployment to TF 1-08. 2 PPCLI made a strong showing in all areas posting strong results against the other LFWA units. The Second Battalion brought home gold medals in volleyball and soccer, as well as securing the 3rd Place Overall Major Unit Award. This was an impressive accomplishment given the Battalion's recent return from post-deployment leave after coming back from combat operations in Afghanistan.

The Second Battalion began their major training cycle in the spring, taking a key role in the planning and execution of Exercise DESERT RAM in Suffield. Ex DESERT RAM represented a major component of the 1 CMBG "road to war" model. The exercise involved the construction of a massive range designed to provide the soldiers with a realistic, contemporary training environment to challenge their skills and abilities in preparation for deployment to Afghanistan. The Second Battalion, with the support of 13 Field Squadron, began construction of this range back in early March. This exercise gave our soldiers an opportunity to share their wealth of knowledge and experiences from their recent mission in Afghanistan with the elements scheduled to deploy in the fall of 2009. It involved a range of scenarios from asymmetric tasks including key leader engagements and IED threats to decisive combat operations.

The Second Battalion also underwent some leadership changes during the summer of 2009. This was marked by the Change of Command of 2 PPCLI. On 25 June 2009 Lieutenant-Colonel Shane Schreiber took command of the Second Battalion from Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Corbould. LCol Schreiber began his career in the Second Battalion, where he served on the UN Peacekeeping force in Cyprus (UNFICYP). Since then he has held a number of positions including most recently, when he served as a Company Commander in the 3 PPCLI Battle Group in Afghanistan as part of the 101st Airborne, 3rd Brigade Combat Team on Op ENDURING FREEDOM.



2 PPCLI Change of Command, 25 June 2009

The period following summer block leave was a busy time for the Second Battalion, as they were faced with two major tasks on the horizon. The first task was preparing A Company to support TF 3-09 Provincial Reconstruction Team. The second task was preparing the rest of the Battalion to support Op PODIUM in providing security for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver. This preparation included the conduct of Primary Combat Function or PCF training. As part of this, the Second Battalion was fortunate enough to be selected to run the first course for the Light Armoured Vehicle Remote Weapons System or LAV RWS.



The CO and RSM debating the pros and cons of domestic operations in Whistler

The task of running this pilot course fell to the soldiers of C Company. The LAV RWS is a Bison replacement that includes increased armour and the new Remote Weapons System. The changes include a new passenger seating and restraint system. However, the hallmark feature of the new LAV RWS is the remotely controlled turret that can be mounted with a C9, C6 or a 0.50 Calibre HMG. The LAV RWS gunners and drivers trained by C Company expect to utilize their new skill sets while deployed on TF 3-09.

While the soldiers on the ground were training and honing their soldier skills, the command and planning teams were off in Vancouver and Whistler conducting their initial recce for Op PODIUM. Op PODIUM promises to be a large and challenging task, as the Second Battalion prepares to make the transition from the wartime footing to supporting a domestic operation. The leadership and the soldiers worked hard to ensure that this transition was made as effectively as possible and that the Second Battalion was prepared for their new task.



C Coys Half-Marathon

This summer also marked the Regiment's 95th Anniversary since its inception in 1914, when Hamilton Gault donated \$100,000 of his personal funds to raise and equip a regiment for service in the Great War. To commemorate this event, C Company decided to demonstrate their Regimental pride and to honour the commitment made by Hamilton Gault to create the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Preparation included a number of build-up runs, including a 15km run to test the soldiers and build their confidence before the event. C Company's gritty preparation culminated in their Company Half-Marathon led by Major J.T. Adair, OC C Company.



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The fall was an even busier period for the Second Battalion. 2 PPCLI bid farewell to members of A Company and TF 3-09 Provincial Reconstruction Team by throwing a Family Day BBQ. This was a great event which brought together all of the elements of the Second Battalion family from Patricia's to Gunners and supporters to show their support for the soldiers and families of the Second Battalion, and particularly the members of TF 3-09. The members of TF 3-09 began their deployment over the months of October and November.



41 B conducting battle drill number 9 (left)

Pte Perry demonstrating the new V-search (right)



With A Company deployed, the Second Battalion turned its focus to preparing for Op PODIUM and deployment to Whistler in the New Year. This involved an array of ranges, live fire training, and patrolling; in addition to some mission-specific training. Training and preparation began with coordination and exercises at the Brigade and Battalion level with Command Post exercises designed to prepare the Tactical Operations Centres or TOC's. The operational tempo picked up rapidly with training on the BV-206's and preparation and conduct of Ex Kapyong Grizzly and Ex Kapyong Sasquatch which gave the Second Battalion's soldiers an opportunity to complete their IBTS training and fine tune their soldiering skills. This cumulative field training kept the Second Battalion busy and in the field for much of the fall and early winter of 2009.

This year was also marked by the sacrifice of a number of our Regimental brothers. Among them was the Second Battalion's own Sergeant Shane Schofield and Private Garrett Chidley. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and loved ones. Their sacrifices will not be forgotten.

2009 was a memorable year for the Second Battalion. It was a year filled with great accomplishments, tireless service to Canada and to the Regiment, and marked with the selfless sacrifices of our soldiers. Unfortunately, there is little time to dwell on our successes of the past year, as 2010 presents the Second Battalion with a new crop of challenges, including an early deployment to BC for Op Podium, continued support for TF 3-09, and preparation for the next cycle of deployments and missions.



Change of RSM appointment
between CWO (now Capt) Semenko
and CWO Waugh

Capt Davies going for the ball during
Regimental Day



Maj Grubb and CWO Waugh present
MCpls Nead and Brazeau with the
extremely prestigious Broom-i-loo
trophy

Pte Shulaev receiving a commendation
from LCol (now Col) Corbould



CQ C Coy just accepted as an alternate
on the Canadian Bobsled Team 2010



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The Regiment's 95th year was a year of considerable change and constant evolution for the Third Battalion. The year began with a winter exercise, the Battalion's last at full strength, in early January. The month closed with two parades that would see the unit gain a new command team, starting with the change of Regimental Sergeant Major from CWO Greg Trenholm to CWO Pierre Leger on 28 January 2009. CWO Trenholm has now retired from the CF after almost twenty-eight years of service. One day later, LCol Martin Kenneally handed over command of the Battalion to LCol Peter Dawe at a Change of Command Ceremony held at the Edmonton Garrison Lecture Training Facility.



LCol Peter Dawe receives the Regimental Colour from LCol Martin Kenneally.

LCol Kenneally's departure marked a significant change within the Battalion beyond that of a normal change of command. Along with the outgoing CO, a significant portion of the unit left the Battalion to form the command element and bulk of the Operation Mentor and Liaison Team for Task Force (TF) 3-09, which stood up on 1 February 2009. The departure of these soldiers saw the stand down for both B and C Companies, leaving A Company, recently returned from Afghanistan, as the new Parachute Company as well as the only rifle company in the Battalion for the first half of the year.

The spring would see the majority of the unit employed supporting TF 3-09's pre-deployment training during two major exercises, Exercise DESERT RAM and Exercise MAPLE GUARDIAN at Canadian Forces Bases Suffield and Wainwright respectively. Upon re-deployment from Exercise MAPLE GUARDIAN, the Battalion went through another change when C Company stood up again in preparation for Light Armoured Vehicle (LAV) III implementation.

Just prior to summer block leave, the unit hosted veterans of the First Special Service Force (FSSF), the "Devil's Brigade". The veterans were given a demonstration of modern parachute operations and other training by A Company. It was then the veterans turn to impart knowledge on the serving soldiers during a screening of the motion picture "The Devil's Brigade". The visit was informative for both the veterans and serving soldiers, with both groups commenting on the benefits of the visit.

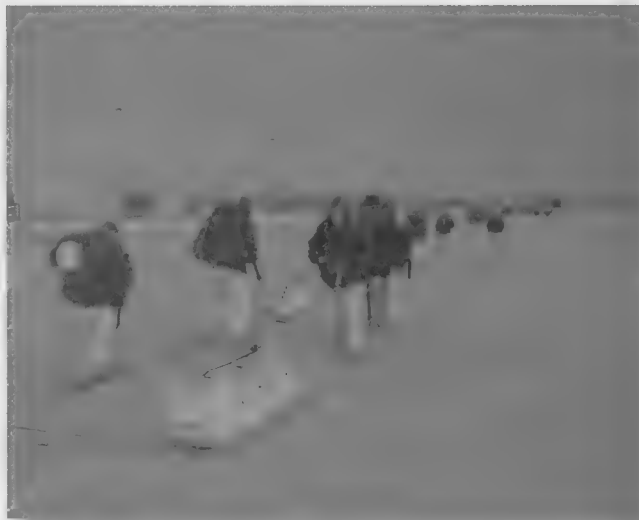


MCpl Caleb Kimball demonstrates modern parachute drills to veterans of the FSSF as WO John McNabb, looks on.



Upon return from summer block leave, the Battalion began LAV training courses which allowed the unit to begin the process of becoming a Mechanized Infantry Battalion. These courses were the major, but not sole, focus for the remainder of the year. In September members of the Edmonton Eskimos and CFL Alumni, along with Mr Glenn Cumyn were invited to 3 PPCLI to award a VIP Grey Cup package to a deserving soldier. MCpl Donovan Ball, SMV was chosen as the recipient of the package and he, along with Maj Mark Campbell, was honoured by the Eskimos at their 11 September 2009 game vs the Calgary Stampeders.

The year closed with the Men's Christmas Dinner, which due to the deployment of the 1 PPCLI Battle Group to Afghanistan, was a joint affair with the 1 PPCLI rear party. The Day began with the traditional hockey games, this year the Ptes beat the Cpls/MCpls and the Officers beat the SrNCOs. After the games, both units returned to 3 PPCLI where Christmas dinner was served by the Officers and SrNCOs in the Parachute Simulation Room. Prior to dinner service there were many promotions and an old tradition was revived when the Top Pte/Cpl, MCpl, Sgt, Lt and Tradesman awards were given out. Winners were: Cpl Billingsley, MCpl Petten, Sgt T. Woods, Lt Hudson and Cpl Cleary respectively.



Members of the Battalion practice pulling toboggans as part of winter training.

2009 saw the loss of six members of the Third Battalion: Pte Nathan Van Smeerdyk – Winnipeg, MB, Cpl Nicholas Bulger – Kandahar, Afghanistan, Cpl Daniel Decorby – Edmonton, AB, MCpl David Smith – Edmonton, AB, Pte Kyle Whitehead – Big River First Nation, SK, and Lt Justin Boyes – Kandahar, Afghanistan.

LAVAL LIBERTY

Sgt Christos Karigiannis was killed on 20 June 2007 along with Cpl Stephen Bouzane and Pte Joel Wiebe when their vehicle struck an Improvised Explosive Device in the town of Sper Wan Ghar in Afghanistan. Laval Liberty, a high school in the Montreal suburb of Laval was so inspired by the sacrifice of Sgt Karigiannis, who was an alumnus of the school, that the school contacted 3 PPCLI with a view to beginning an alliance that would honour Sgt Karigiannis and all the Patricias who have served in Afghanistan.



Sgt's Panagiotis Filis and Lorne Ford present the Sgt Cristos Kergiannis – 3 PPCLI Memorial Award to Laval Liberty Graduate Candice Pollock



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In March the CO and RSM, along with the Battalion's most recent valour award winners: MCpl Donovan Ball, Cpls Cary Baker and Steven Bancarz, as well as Sgts Panagiotis Filis and Lorne Ford visited the students at Laval Liberty. During the visit the CO spoke on what it means to be a Canadian soldier, what has been accomplished in Afghanistan by Canadians, and expressed his gratitude to the students of Laval Liberty for their support. At the conclusion of the CO's speech there was a question and answer period with all the visiting members of the Battalion which lasted for over an hour.

After this initial visit, the relationship between 3 PPCLI and Laval Liberty has continued to develop and at the request of the school, a citizenship award in the honour of 3 PPCLI, and specifically Sgt Karigiannis was established. In October Sgts Filis and Ford returned to Laval Liberty to award the inaugural Sgt Christos Karigiannis – 3 PPCLI Memorial Award to graduate Candice Pollock. During this visit, Sgts Filis and Ford were asked to speak on the "PPCLI way" to the school soccer team prior to a game. The two Sgts so inspired the players that they went on to win the game. The trip also allowed the two Sgts to reconnect with the Karigiannis family which they say was an honour, especially considering the support that the family shows for the work being done by Canadian soldiers.

3 VP SHOOTING TEAM

In early 2009, 3 PPCLI received the challenge of taking the lead for LFWA's participation in service rifle competitions; both nationally and internationally. 3 PPCLI held a training camp in April of 2009 in Edmonton to train ten Patricia shooters to compete in the Australian Army Skill at Arms Meeting at Puckapunyal, Australia in May. It was a month of good shooting, lessons learned, and bonding with the Third Battalion Paratroopers of our allied Royal Australian Regiment. Unfortunately the team brought back no medals. This was to change for the national Canadian competitions when the ten Patricias, as part of the LFWA team, deployed to both the National Service Conditions Championship (NSCC) and the Canadian Forces Small Arms Concentration (CFSAC) in Connaught, Ontario. It was five long weeks of training and intense competition that had the shooters firing both pistols and rifles on dynamic shoot, house-style combat pistol ranges and conventional range shooting from 25 meters to 500 meters.



**3 PPCLI Team Pegasus wins the Letson Cup – Top Regular Force Team
MCpl Rob Masih, MCpl Mike McLean, Cpl Leander Volz, Cpl Jon Billingsley,
Cpl Darren Hanna, and Capt Joe Jasper.**

Collectively the LFWA team did extremely well, winning a large amount of the major awards, including capturing the Reserve Queen's Medal. MCpl Mike McLean was the top shot amongst the Patricias, winning the Top Tyro (new shooter) in both Combat Pistol and Service Rifle and Cpl Leander Volz won the Top Pistol Tyro in the NSCC competition.

Most importantly for 3 PPCLI, the Patricia team (Team Pegasus) captured the Letson Cup, which is the most prestigious team award for the Regular Force. In beating the rival Vandoo and Royal teams, this award permits the team members to wear the Letson Pin in perpetuity on their uniforms and gives the 3 PPCLI team the honour of leading the CF Combat Shooting Team going to Surrey, UK in 2010 at the prestigious Bisley competition.

MCpl Mike McLean wins Top Regular Force Tyro for both Rifle and Pistol



MOUNTAIN MAN

2009's tasks for 3 PPCLI included running of 1 CMBG's Exercise MOUNTAIN MAN. Exercise MOUNTAIN MAN is an endurance race where competitors are required to complete a 31.6 Km run, a 3.2 Km canoe portage, a 10 Km canoe paddle and a final 5.6 Km run, all with a 35 lbs rucksack. After having finished second in 2008, LCol Dawe set the goal of winning the competition in 2009. Tasked with making this happen was team Captain, MCpl Donovan Ball. Using a training program similar to previous programs that have helped to secure victory for 3 VP in years gone by, the team began training in early May. It was a gruelling four months where training included running the mind numbing Garrison runway, thousands of flights of stairs, sprinting for up to a kilometre, punishing hills and a long distance



run every Friday, which progressed up to a marathon. Come race day the training paid off. On 4 September 2009, in near record 32 degree heat, 3 PPCLI won the top major unit with Cpl John Suchan finishing third overall and MCpl Ball winning the Ainsworth Dyer award for most improved time from the previous year. Though proud of the accomplishments of the team, of which he was a member, LCol Dawe was not satisfied with solely capturing the 2009 title and has already decreed that the unit will repeat the feat in 2010.

Corporal Paul Duarte during the Mountain Man race.



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VIMY AWARD

In August an unprecedented announcement was made by the Conference of Defence Associations. This year's recipient of the Vimy Award, an award that recognizes one Canadian who has made a significant and outstanding contribution to the defence and security of our nation and the preservation of our democratic values, would, for the first time be a Non-Commissioned Member. The recipient was to be C Company Quartermaster Sergeant, WO William "Willy" MacDonald.

WO MacDonald deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan in February 2006 as a Reconnaissance Section Commander with 1 PPCLI. For his actions under enemy fire on 3 August 2006 WO MacDonald was awarded the Star of Military Valour, the second highest valour award in Canada and the highest held by a living person.

Since returning from Afghanistan WO MacDonald has become a role model both within and outside the CF. Prior to being posted to 3 PPCLI, WO MacDonald acted as a Company Sergeant Major at LFWA TC Wainwright, where his positive influence helped shape future soldiers and, most importantly, future Patricias. Due in great part to his intelligent briefings, excellent speaking ability and good natured manner, WO MacDonald is constantly asked to act as a guest speaker at events ranging from Police leadership symposiums to school assemblies during Remembrance week. His personal file is filled with letters of appreciation from these organizations for the significant impact he has had on them. WO MacDonald has also worked on projects to combat Operational Stress Injuries and improve the current decompression program used by the Forces in an attempt to produce better soldiers who are also better human beings.

WO MacDonald now joins the ranks of Vimy winners that include: MGen William Howard, MGen Romeo Dallaire, VAdm Larry Murray, LGen Charles H. Belzile, A/C Leonard Birchall, Gen Paul David Manson, Gen Raymond Henault, Gen Rick Hillier and fellow Patricias, Gen John de Chastelain, MGen Lewis MacKenzie and BGen David Fraser.



LCol Bill Fletcher, Maj Mason Stalker, LCol Peter Dawe, MGen (Ret) Lewis Mackenzie, LCol Ian Hope, The Right Honourable Madame Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin, The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson Colonel-in-Chief PPCLI, Gen (Ret) John DeChastelain, BGen (Ret) Larry Gollner Colonel of the Regiment PPCLI, MGen David Fraser and CWO Pete Leger gather with the recipient of the 2009 Vimy Award, WO William MacDonald (Centre) during the Annual 2009 Vimy Award Gala Reception and Dinner held at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa, Ontario.

3VP FLAG IN SPACE

I had the privilege of joining the CO and RSM of 3 PPCLI, in visiting the Canadian Space agency on 24 March 2009 when the 3 PPCLI camp flag from the first mission to Afghanistan (Op Apollo) was presented to the Battalion after it had flown in space with Astronaut Dr. Maclean. The story of how our camp flag got to space is one that will go down in Regimental history.

After the 2002 tour, a civilian supporter of the Battalion, Mr. Joseph Green, took it upon himself to contact the Canadian Space Agency (CSA) to see if it was possible to have the flag flown up in space. In 2006 Dr Maclean, although being very limited in what he could take to space, brought the flag up there with him on mission STS-115. Afterwards, the CSA invited Mr. Green, the CO and RSM of 3 PPCLI and I to Ottawa for the presentation. It was quite an honour to be involved in something this great for the Battalion. Thinking that I was just there to observe the presentation, I was shocked when the CO elbowed me and told me to go accept the flag from Dr. Maclean. I looked at him like this was a joke and said something like "you're kidding right Sir?" After he just pointed towards Dr. Maclean, I proceeded and went to receive the flag.



3 PPCLI Flag in space

After the presentation we had a wonderful tour of the CSA where there were a couple foreign astronauts training at the time. We looked at the training room for operating the Canada arm and displays of space paraphernalia.

It was an incredible visit and something I will never forget.

Sgt L.E.L. Ford



Sgt. Ford, on behalf of the Third Battalion, receives 3VP flag and montage from Dr. Steve MacLean



LFWATC

The year of 2009 was yet another busy one for LFWA TC in Wainwright, AB. The continual flow of Soldier Qualification, Basic Military Qualification, DP1 Infantry, as well as Combat Service Support related courses ensured that there was never a dull moment. The personnel challenges posed by the ongoing deployments to Afghanistan as well as support to Joint Task Force Games were felt as the out-flow of soldiers (postings, retirements, operational taskings, etc.) and the reduced inflow of soldiers posted in caused significant challenges for permanent staff to overcome. As a result, as seen in most other units, this caused the staff of LFWA TC to often be "double or triple hatted" and work long, strenuous hours. Nonetheless, thanks to the dedication and professionalism of the permanent staff of LFWA TC, all courses were successfully completed and hundreds of new soldiers were trained or qualified for Canada's future requirements.

Headquarters maintained its continuity with LCol Scott Morrison (Royal Canadian Artillery) remaining as the Commanding Officer and CWO Art Chase continuing on as the RSM. Our Chief Instructor, Major Dave McKillop, retired from the Regular Force to pursue a second career in teaching and was replaced by Major Kevin Conrad. However, this was short-lived, as Maj Conrad was deployed on short notice to Afghanistan to act as the Military Aid to Brigadier-General King. Captain Geoff Robinson filled the Adjutant's position until his retirement from the Regular Force, which then saw Captain Dennis Sansom step in to fill the post. The QMSI, MWO Kevin Kehoe was replaced by MWO Todd D'Andrade as he too was sent out the door to fill the role as the RSM of the OMLT for Task Force 3-09.

For A Company, business remained hectic as usual. Company HQ staff remained the same with Maj Lonnie Campbell as the OC, Captain Steph Pellerin as 2IC and MWO Kevin Littlejohn as the CSM. A Company saw a total of four PLQ (Infantry), five PLQ (Land), four BMQ, one BMOQ, one Armoured Recce Crewman as well as one Armoured Recce Observer. And last but not least two serials of the Bold Eagle Program. One of the summer's highlights was the 20th year Anniversary of Bold Eagle (a successful program since its inception in 1989) which saw a total of 85 candidates graduate. The graduation ceremony was a sight to behold with members of 3 PPCLI free-falling on to the parade square, the Grand Chief of the Saskatchewan First Nations, numerous elders from each of the tribes represented on parade, the CLS, Tommy Prince's son Thomas, as well as various Members of Parliament in attendance. Lieutenant-General Leslie served as the Reviewing Officer.

Another vigorous year for B Company saw nine Regular Force DP1 Infantry, two Sniper, two Close-Quarter Combat (Instructor), two Close-Quarter Combat (Basic), four DP1 Reserve Infantry, one DP1 Supply Technician, and one DP1 MSE OP courses all successfully completed. Headquarters staff underwent a complete overhaul with Major Kevin Conrad moving into the DCO position and being replaced by Major Doug Oliphant who arrived from MARPAC in Victoria, BC. The role of CSM B Coy, which had previously been filled by MWO Todd D'Andrade, until his move upstairs, and his backfill, WO Willy MacDonald, was occupied by incoming MWO Rick Cooper from 2 PPCLI. Captain Stephen Wyatt, 2IC, was the only familiar face to remain in the HQ once the dust had settled. B Company, by the end of 2009 saw a significant increase in the out-posting of large numbers of its permanent staff to be replaced by members coming in from all three battalions. Further, it should be noted that this year WO Alvin (Joe) Barkley also announced his plans to retire from the Regular Force. That one is for you Joe.

Training Support Company (TSC) also witnessed a significant turnover in its personnel with the former OC, Capt Ron Migadel, being replaced by Maj Chris Nolan (LdSH (RC)). Captain Tony Collier (L Edmn R) moved in as Company 2IC and MWO Laughlin was replaced by MWO Ivan Finstead. TSC provided continuous support to all courses conducted at LFWA TC and, to a lesser extent, other areas of CFB/ASU Wainwright and the Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre (CMTC). In addition to the execution of this support, they also remain responsible for the coordination, administration, and discipline of PAT and PARR Platoons. Moreover, TSC underwent several minor organisational changes, including the re-role of the SQMS position, the collapse of field training, and the division of the responsibilities of the RQMS to the newly established Company Quartermasters for both A and B companies. TSC was also provided with the helpful addition of two Second Lieutenants, awaiting training from CTC Gaagetown, to aid in the administrative requirements of both PAT and PARR Platoons.



Detachment Edmonton, although small, managed to support all training tasks requested. Approximately 200+ personnel were trained on all variants of the AHSVS, which saw a total of 35 driven 100km's and 18721 litres of fuel consumed. In the fall, Edmonton moved its training platoon into the Edmonton LTF, and continued to run AB serials, Driver Wheel courses and PSS TAV. The final quarter saw Det Edmonton taking the lead on MSVS ("Train the Trainer"), Combat Storeman and Dangerous Goods, in addition to continued AB serials and Driver Wheel training.

Although not part of the Training Center, the Patricia's at LFWA TC continue to maintain ties with the small group of Patricia's who are employed at CMTC- including LCol Ed Haverstock (the senior PPCLI representative in Wainwright).

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TF 3-09 OMLT

3VP formed the nucleus of the TF 3-09 Operational and Mentoring Liaison Team (OMLT) with additional soldiers taken from across Canada to augment its ranks. The additions included Commanding Officer, Colonel Shane Brennan from Ottawa (ex CO 1VP), and RSM Kehoe from Wainwright. Outgoing 3 VP Commanding Officer LCol MM Kenneally assumed the DCO OMLT duties. The February stand-up coincided immediately with preparatory combat training and specialty courses such as the Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) course.

Training continued in early March on EX SPARTAN MENTOR in Wainwright. All individual weapons skills, including Crew served weapons, M-72, 84mm, grenades, and SOP's were reviewed. Frigid temperatures of -40C and snowdrifts made 5 and 20's challenging, but team building and life-saving drills were learned.

Winter kit was also fully utilized! Leave was followed by deployment of most of the Kandak Mentoring Teams to Hohenfels (CMTC) in Southern Germany - the old stomping ground of the Canadian Army. NATO OMLT teams shared partnering with the Afghan National Army (ANA) in an excellent training facility with CIED lanes, calls for fire, Close Air Support Trainers with complete villages, Afghan role players, and Observer Controllers (even live goats!). The facility offered the finest IED, calls for fire, and close combat air support training available. A final weekend in Munich included a PD visit to the Dachau Concentration Camp.



K1 gives an Entry Drill demonstration to the ANA while in Germany

Another Wainwright training session followed in May with EX MAPLE GUARDIAN, which allowed us to work with the rest of the Task Force elements. Our thirty odd "POMLT" troops under Maj Scotty Leblanc and MWO Surridge were cut to the PRT where they found themselves patrolling in Stabilization (Stab) B, a LAV based company, working with fellow Patricia's from 2 PPCLI's Stab A Coy. The Brigade Mentors left (reluctantly...) to participate in a NATO above Kandak training session in Northern Poland. The rest of the summer flew by with leave, more individual training, constant adjustments to the vehicle fleet (RG 31, LAV, Bison, AHSVS), and the usual last minute manning changes. Tragically we lost Cpl Van Smeerdyk, a Recce mentor, to a motorcycle accident while on leave in Winnipeg on 28 June.



K3 in Argandab

Deployment began in mid September with the advance OMLT teams, led by Maj Watson/CSM Hulan; Maj Vivian/CSM Parrott; Maj Macbeth/CSM Pinlac; and, Ops O Maj Prohar. The Relief in Place took six weeks with Transfer of Authority on 5 October, although the troops were in the thick of things early on in Zharey, Panjwayi, Argandab and Kandahar City.

TF 3-09 OMLT



We proudly served with Afghan soldiers of 1 Bde, 205 Corps who had six Kandaks on arrival, four rifle battalions, one CS, and one CSS. The mentors bonded quickly and we worked side by side with Afghan soldiers to combat insurgency and strengthen their developing capability. The mentor work and tactical situation dynamic was challenging. Our Kandak 1 handed over the Highway 1 Security task to a newly formed Kandak 6, and then Kandak 6 was cut to another Task Force for out of AO highway security. Kandak Mentoring Team 1(KMT 1 or K1), and Kandak 1 partnered with US TF 1-12, conducting several major operations in Zharey before a surprise tasking to Hellmand for a major NATO operation in early 2010. K2 mentors and Kandak 2, responsible for Panjwayi, partnered successfully with the 1 PPCLI Battle Group to conduct major operations from Nakonhay to Sperwan Gar. Kandak 3 was split between Kandahar City and Arghandab; therefore, K3 had double the challenge because of its split responsibility and its multiple partners (a US MP Bn and several US Inf Bns). KMT 4, under Maj Tyler Kennedy and MWO Pennell, our Gunners, Sappers and Recce troops, mentored Kandak 4 through operations around PBSG and southern Nakohnay in the fall, and then through a busy specialty course training cycle in the new year. KMT 5, our support experts under Maj Alain Brule and former RQ MWO Harrison, mentored a very competent ANA CSS Battalion at Camp Hero, with the Brigade Mentors doing the same in 1/205 Brigade HQ.



**IED sweep with ANA on
Route Brown**



K2 CO and KMT 2 planning OP HYDRA

Meanwhile the troops were supported by our key HQ personnel, including the hard-working clerks, transport, supply-CQ staff, Duty Staff, and HQ personnel; many of whom were also double hatted as ANA Bde Mentors, spending the first half of their day alongside their ANA counterparts at Camp Hero. Security Force (SEC FOR), is the small platoon led by Sgt Pete Filis responsible for a variety of Command, Liaison and logistics tasks which took them across the AO on a regular basis.

We are proud of our accomplishments and what we have achieved. Small mentor teams patrolled dismounted in rural areas, villages and in Kandahar city. We worked in isolated locations facing difficult to locate and dangerous IEDs and insurgents in combat. We did so with a warrior's spirit, tactical competence, and with quiet professionalism.

We faced many challenges and changes. During the tour, NATO implemented "Partnering", ie pairing a NATO battalion with an ANA battalion, thus broadening the mentor's role to include facilitating a daily ISAF working relationship with Afghans. Regardless, ensuring that the Afghan National Army was the solution and playing a key role in all security operations was first and foremost in our approach. Whether it was organizing community shuras or planning and conducting deliberate operations, we did so with our Afghan brothers in the spirit of respect and commitment to the cause of improved security for the Afghan people. Our soldiers performed with skill and a work ethic that was the envy of the Afghan National Army and our NATO allies in the finest traditions of the Regiment and the Army. VP



TFK HQ 5-09

The nucleus of Joint Task Force Afghanistan (JTF-Afg)/Task Force Kandahar (TFK) Headquarters 5-09, commanded by BGen Jon Vance and CWO Stan Stappleford, was taken from 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (1CMBG) Headquarters and, as such, was well served by Patricias in a number of key operational positions. The 'road to war' for the HQ began in August of 2008 although, for those drawn from 1CMBG HQ, a great deal of preparation had already taken place; for the Chief of Operations, LCol Mike Patrick, no less than three turns within the HICON in Wainwright preceded the deployment. TFK HQ 5-09's actual pre-deployment training saw moves to Wainwright for Exercise Maple Guardian, to Monterey California for focused PD and to Kingston for Exercise Unified Ready. At the conclusion of the latter, the CLS pronounced the HQ operationally ready for deployment. With pre-deployment leave taken, the Headquarters began its flow into theatre in late January 2009.

Although it was intuitively understood that the pace of operations would be heightened, the reality of the operational tempo was impressive. Exemplary of this, not two weeks following the 19 February transfer of command to TFK HQ 5-09, Operation JALAY, a combined air and ground assault consisting of the greater portions of two brigades was conceived and launched into central Zhari District. This represented the largest Canadian led combat operation in Afghanistan at the time. Marking the real commencement of operations under TFK HQ 5-09, the pace never diminished. Under the expert guidance of Maj Kevin McLoughlin, the TFK G5, the plans branch completed in excess of 100 planning cycles, averaging an operation every 2.5 days.

TFK HQ 5-09 was witness to and facilitated a number of fundamental changes to the mission. A significant increase in coalition forces within the former Canadian area of operations (AO), assistance to the Afghan-led national elections and a switch in operational focus to population-centric counter insurgency, to name but a few, all took place during the tour. Key to engineering TFK's major operational-level efforts was the J5 Branch ably served by Majors Quentin Innis, Harpal 'Manny' Mandaher and Jim Caruana. Tactically, TFK HQ 5-09 consistently acquitted itself well, not in small part to the excellent battle management exhibited by the Joint Operations Centre (JOC) and its key personnel including our ISTAR Officer, Maj Kevin Barry and JOC Senior Duty Officer Capt Spencer Sharpe.

Shaping TFK plans and conducting detailed liaison and coordination with provincial authorities was the responsibility of the Provincial Operational Coordination Centre (OCC-P) and was pivotal to the success enjoyed throughout the tour. This organization, in keeping with the mission, underwent a number of changes and grew in size and capability throughout TFK HQ 5-09's time in theatre. MWO Craig Green ushered this diverse organization throughout its mission, ensuring that its diverse members were cohesive and effective.



99 Tac taking a break to discuss future plans

Perhaps the busiest organization within TFK HQ 5-09 turned out to be the visits cell. A non-stop stream of high-profile, influential national and international military and civilian dignitaries came to observe the progress of the mission and the superb work of the soldiers within the various task forces under TFK. Essential to the smooth running of this cell were Cpls Greg Van Sevenant and Kevin Deveau who tirelessly shuttled dignitaries about the battle space and back-filled the Commander's Tactical CP when needed.

TFK HQ 5-09



The remainder of Patricias within the HQ had the crucial responsibility of transporting, supporting and, indeed, safeguarding the Task Force Commander and RSM. Run by Capt Jay Hagemeyer and crewed by Sgts Matthew 'Kiwi' Parsons and Stu Hynes, MCpls Eric Hjalmarson, Greg Holler and Cpls Nick Bulger, Shane 'Brownie' Brown-Lefebvre, Peter Harcombe, Jay Sinclair and Ben Weir, 99 Tac clocked more road time and saw more action than any of its forerunners.



99 Tac and other members of TFK HQ meet with MND Peter MacKay

Unfortunately, these brave soldiers did not exit theatre unscathed. On 3 July 2009 99 Tac, while commanding the operations of 1-12 (US) Infantry in Western Zhari District, struck an improvised explosive device. Several members of the 'Tac' were injured and Cpl Bulger was killed. The loss of Cpl Bulger was a blow to the whole of TFK HQ 5-09 and was felt keenly by all of the HQ Patricias. Notwithstanding the pain of the loss of this fine soldier, it was during this time that the value of the extended Regimental family was most evident.



TFK HQ members conduct Repatriation Ceremony for fallen comrade, Cpl N. Bulger

TFK HQ 5-09 departed theatre officially on 19 November justifiably proud of the manner in which it facilitated General Vance's command and control of the mission, and satisfied that the way had been defined for further progress. Of course, not all of the successes of the mission are directly attributable to Patricias but, without doubt, the Regiment played prominently within them all.

VP



FRENCH GREY BATTALION

In 2009, the French Grey Battalion (FGB) was augmented by several new members posted to Gagetown and saw a number of promotions including three promoted to Sergeant: MCpl Jim Funk, MCpl Shawn Mador, and MCpl Nathan Maker. Several members of the FGB were posted back to the front lines to take part in Task Force 3-09 with the 1 PPCLI Battle Group, while several others are preparing to augment 3 PPCLI in preparation for Task Force 1-11.

The French Grey Battalion was represented by a small chain of command this year, all of which are secondary duties. The CO is LCol Terry Wilson, D Comd of CTC; the RSM is CWO Tim Penney, RSM of the LFAATC; the Adjutant is Capt Kevin Schamuhn, Standards Officer at the Infantry School; and the newly appointed QMSI is MWO Seymour, CSM of HQ Coy at the Infantry School.

In 2009, the Infantry School faced three main factors that resulted in the unavoidable and drastic reduction of the tempo for the end of the 09/10 fiscal year. First, the Army's recruiting push to replenish the ranks seems to have slowed down and lessened the immediate need for new Infantry Officers. Second, the Army-imposed budget restrictions have severely affected the School's ability to run training. But arguably the most significant factor is the Army's requirement to conduct security tasks for the Olympics during Op PODIUM that has left units with an unprecedented amount of no-fills for advanced training courses. As a result of these main factors, the majority of courses scheduled to run at the Infantry School during the 2010 winter trimester have been cancelled.

A rare rest period will occupy the winter months, during which time the Infantry School staff will participate in a variety of PCF courses aimed at increasing the school's pool of qualified soldiers. A potential opportunity for Ski School may present itself, depending on the creativity and imagination of the Log O. In any case, early 2010 will be an opportunity for all staff to enjoy the much needed opportunity to improve and develop training material, and to spend time with their families.



French Grey Battalion Patricia's

FRENCH GREY BATTALION



Several members of the French Grey Battalion assisted with the Atlantic Area PPCLI Association function which took place from 11-13 September in Gagetown. The guest speaker was BGen (Retired) Vince Kennedy, who briefed the gathering about the fast approaching 100th Anniversary of the Regiment. The meeting also served to provide an overview of the Regiment's current status for serving and retired members of the PPCLI.

Another briefing of interest took place right after Christmas when Lt Col Grossman was hosted by the Infantry School to deliver his Bulletproof Mind presentation. It has become common for Canadian Battle Groups to host Lt Col Grossman as part of pre-deployment training but rarely has his message been delivered upon returning to Canada. As the percentage of CTC instructors with combat experience continues to rise, the intent of the briefing was to focus on the aspects of mental injuries during the redeployment process. Lt Col Grossman's briefing was very well received and was followed by presentations from 42 Health Services and the JPSU. Together, the presenters painted a picture of what types of injuries to expect and how to effectively deal with them.

One unfortunate aspect of training soldiers at the Infantry School is that at some point, given the current nature of Canada's mission in Afghanistan, we are bound to lose men and women that have passed through our doors. Of note are Lt Justin Boyes who was killed on 28 October 2009 by an IED, and Lt Andrew Nuttall who was killed on 23 December 2009 also by an IED. Both officers were recent graduates from DP 1.2. Although the majority of instructors at the school now have combat experience, it is a unique grief when a soldier is killed doing the very thing we as instructors have trained them to do. These men, along with Cpl Nicholas Bulger, Pte Garrett Chidley, Sgt John Faught, and all others who have given the ultimate sacrifice, will be remembered.

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OTTAWA AREA PATRICIAS

A few of my kids like to play this game with me: they say, "Dad, Dad, Dad! Would you rather be eaten alive by a shark or fall to your death from a tall building?" I say, "I don't play games; that's what I have all of you siblings for". But with youthful persistence, they don't let it go. "OK, OK. If you had to, would you rather own a Pug or a Pitbull?" Truth is, I hate questions where regardless of the answer you give, it won't paint a pretty picture. But I love my kids.

Every day one spends in Ottawa can be like spending a day with my kids. Impossible questions are continually being asked for which, regardless of your answer, it seems impossible to paint that pretty picture. And yet, I love this place. Of course, I am only one of many Patricias here in the National Capital Region and admittedly should not use my own experience to speak for all the others. But I'll do it anyway. Think of my experience as being representative. You see, I believe that even those who openly begrudge having been posted to Ottawa soon secretly grow to love this place and even, in some cases, the jobs they have been given... low shoes and all.



Col Mike Beaudette, Gen John de Chastelain (ret'd), and Bgen Mike Day have lunch with the COR at the HMCS Bytown Wardroom in Ottawa, 21 November 2009

The jobs one can be given here in the NCR, regardless of rank, are varied indeed and sometimes include assignments to overseas operations. All are educational. Many are challenging. Some are interesting. A few are even rewarding. But every one of them, I'm told, can trace a line (some obvious, others less so) back to life in a battalion. That is to say, everything we do here, we do with the intention of improving the lives of our fellow soldiers in mind. Some of us know that line will lead back to a life in battalion while others cling to it knowing it will only get longer. But regardless of whether we are here for one posting (bungee line) or are in it for the long haul (thread line with a Gordian knot), and despite being spread out all over the region, the sense of being a Patricia, of being family, remains.

In 1960, *The Twilight Zone* aired an episode titled, "A Nice Place to Visit". In it, the protagonist, a certain petty thief named Rocky Valentine, believes he has gone to heaven after having lived a far less than lucky life. Finding himself in a place where everything appears to finally be going his way, Rocky begins to relax. Of course, as with all episodes, there is a twist and Rocky is wrong. It doesn't take him too long to figure it out either. I mention this not because I want to draw a parallel between the life of Mr Valentine and a Patricia's life here in Ottawa. I don't. I never even saw the episode. I just felt an extra paragraph was needed for this entry.

When I set out to write this article I told myself I would not focus on the time-honoured right to pretend that being posted to Ottawa is like getting the H1N1 vaccine (2009 reference): it doesn't hurt at first, but a little while later you're not so sure. Like I said, I don't buy it. This is a great place to be. It's where great, and not-as-great-but-still-pretty-darn-good, Patricias abound. And we're all here busily doing all manner of things.



Since arriving in Ottawa I, along with my fellow Patricias, have been presented with some of life's more vexing questions and asked to paint some pretty pictures. We sometimes surprise ourselves at the frequency with which we accomplish the latter. And I for one have found the answer to at least one of the former: I'd rather not be eaten alive by a shark.

Major David Marshall,
Ottawa area ERE Patricia

**Maj David Marshall in
Sarajevo, March 2009**



ONTARIO/OUTSIDE CANADA PATRICIAS

"...I thank you and all members of the Princes Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry for always being there for all of us." - Chief William T. Douglas City of Pickering, Ontario Fire Department Highway of Heroes Supporter

From LFCATC in Meaford on the shores of Lake Huron, down to LFCA Headquarters in the "Big Smoke" of Toronto and across the province to the LFDTS empire in Kingston, to far out beyond Canada's shores in the US, UK and Pakistan, the Ontario/OUTCAN Patricia's held up the Regimental standard throughout the year. Because our group of ERE Patricia's in Ontario (less the National Capital Region and CANSOFCOM) and outside Canada in 2009 was such a diverse and dispersed crew, not all of our names and exploits will fit into this issue of the Patrician, so we'll focus on just a few.



**Sgt Link gives instruction on how to conduct
a 4 man stack**

Outside Canada, with the exception of Major Dave Beyer who attended the Pakistan Staff College (still waiting for those polo photos, Dave...), most OUTCAN Patricia's served in the US. Lieutenant Colonel's Shaun McKinstry, and Chris Allen, along with Major's Burry Vanderveer and Jim Fitzgerald, represented the Army and the Regiment from Maryland to Leavenworth and in between. In the UK, Major Eric Thorson completed his tour with HQ 3 (UK) Division and returned to the fold in Kingston.



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In Meaford, Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Darryl Mills, OC B Coy, Captain Dennis "Moose" Maringer, Standards Det Comd Ottawa, Captain Robert Lowe and Section Commanders in C Coy, Sergeant Brad Kauffeldt, and B Coy, Sergeant Norm Link, Sergeant David Thompson, Sergeant Jason Froude and CQ 2IC, Master Corporal Benjamin Emery held the fort at the Land Force Central Area Training Center (LFCA TC). 2009 was an excellent one for Meaford Patricia's, commencing in the spring with a Change of Command on 9 June 2009 between providing LFCA Comd, BGen John Collin and his first ever Patricia Commanding Officer for LFCA TC (and probably about time!). Much like LFWATC, the LFCA TC's primary task is to provide and maintain ranges, training areas, facilities and equipment, for

approximately 10,000 soldiers in Ontario. Their current role not only includes being a training facility for Regular (Reg) and Primary Reserve (PRes) soldiers in Ontario, but also hosting a variety of units and agencies from the United States, New Zealand, Jamaica, United Kingdom and Bermuda. The centre is comprised of five Companies (Coys). The overwhelming majority of the graduates from the various courses are posted to 1 of the 3 outstanding Reg Force Royal Canadian Regiment (RCR) battalions, but every once in a while the Meaford Patricia's do get the pleasure of training some of their future PPCLI comrades.



LCol Mills and BGen Collin ready to train

The fine Patricia NCO's employed in these companies worked hand-in-hand with a great bunch of very professional, experienced and knowledgeable RCR NCO's: a blend of regimental expertise and ethos that combined the best of both regiments. For Sergeant Brad Kauffeldt, employed as a Swing NCO for BMQ(L), it was all business, when he towered "under" a candidate from the logistic branch during morning inspection. He continues to enjoy his time here in Meaford. Captain Rob Lowe supported 33 Canadian Brigade Group (CBG) as the Standards Detachment Commander in Ottawa. With a footprint stretching from Sault Ste Marie to Ottawa to Toronto and all stops in between, Rob and his team ensured the smooth and professional delivery of all 33 CBG's Individual training. All the Patricia's posted to LFCA TC will claim that the quality of life in Meaford offers great flexibility to enjoy family time, as well as to take advantage of the spectacular geographical location on Georgian Bay with canoeing, downhill skiing and boating (all stuff you can't do in Wainwright). Being Patricia's in "RCR Country" in no way undermined their roots: instead, it reinforced the Regimental ethos and traditions. In the end, the common goal is to train soldiers to lead, fight and survive on the battlefield.



Sgt Brad Kauffeldt during morning inspection



Moving south, Major Kevin Barker entered his second year at Joint Task Force Central Headquarters in Toronto where, as J3 Training, he was involved in preparations for Operation CADENCE - Summit 2010, which will include both the G8 and G20 Summits in separate locations (and staunchly cheering the Leafs). More importantly, Kevin was busy acting as the local ADC to our Colonel in Chief. As Kevin can attest, Madame Clarkson was active in Ontario, from ramp ceremonies and cemetery visits to mingling with the Kingston Patricia crowd. And, of course, Kevin remains a hopelessly devoted Leafs fan....

Heading to the east of Toronto, along the shores of Lake Ontario, a surprisingly large (and growing) group of Patricia's kept the wheels turning in the various schools and dungeons that make up the Land Force Doctrine and Training System. In the School of Military Intelligence, CWO Gib Parrell supported Canada's intelligence fight as the RSM of the Mission Support Unit. Down the hill, CWO Chris White honed his mind at RMC prior to assuming the appointment of Command RSM of LFDTS in 2010. In the Directorate of Army Doctrine, Major Don Furuness held the position of DAD Act (and the sole Patricia in the shop), where he was deeply involved in the conception, development, and production of timely, relevant doctrine for full-spectrum operations, complementary to joint and Allied doctrine, in order to develop our Army's fighting power.

Before closing, we must mention the very moving and genuine support that the people of Ontario have demonstrated every time a fallen Patricia soldier has made the sad journey down the Highway of Heroes. Foremost among these crowds of ordinary Canadians have been the men and women of the police, fire and EMS services who lined overpasses and intersections along the way with their vehicles, saluting as the cortege passed by. The opening quote at the top of this article is just one sample of the support that they have expressed. Our Regiment's exploits and losses do not pass unnoticed.



Sgt Thompson leads Gunfighter training

While we haven't been able to tell a story about every one of our Patricia's in this short space, the Regiment can rest assured that whether we are working with our Allies, teaching recruits or educating new leaders, supporting training and operations or standing on the ramp in Trenton to greet our fallen Patricia comrades, Ontario/OUTCAN ERE are contributing to the fight and proudly representing our Regiment.

1 CMBG PATRICIAS

With a total of 3500 CF members deployed, Op PODIUM is the largest domestic operation conducted by the Canadian Forces since Operation ASSISTANCE, the 1997 Red River flood response, and Operation RECUPERATION, the 1998 ice storm response. Over one third of Joint Task Force Games (JTFG) is committed as the Land Component, which is primarily derived from the units of 1 CMBG. Over half of these soldiers are 2 PPCLI, organized as Task Force Whistler. Patricias are present in more places than just the surrounding valleys of Whistler. 1 CMBG headquarters - styled as the Land Component Command (LCC) for the purposes of Op PODIUM - has a total of eight Patricias deployed with representation at every staff and command level from duty officer to Deputy Commander. These Patricias are supported from those holding the fort on the home front, including the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, as well as Cpl Primmer and Sgt Needham from 1 CMBG.



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Although the Olympic Games are only a 16 day event, Op PODIUM has taken an incredible amount of time to plan and prepare for. Capt Hart, G3 Plans, has been living the Olympic experience full time since June 2009, fully engaged in the preparations for Op PODIUM from the initial framework plan to the final Operation Order. The only other Patricia that perhaps surpasses Capt Hart's time devoted to Op PODIUM is Col Barr, who has been supporting the operation since the summer of 2007 as the COS and now Deputy Commander of JTFG.

The formal stand-up of the LCC began with the first validation exercise in early September which was quickly followed by several more, each focusing on a successive higher level of command. These exercises, each lasting five days, involved the 1 CMBG HQ staff dealing with a combination of worst-case and realistic scenarios. While the G3, Maj Wright and G3 Plans managed what seemed like a never ending series of cataclysmic events, the DOs including Lt Aaron Lim (1 PPCLI), 2Lt Conor Molloy (1 PPCLI), and Lt Eric Moes (2 PPCLI) dealt with comparatively tame events such as vehicle accidents and violent protests. All the while, the PA to Comd 1 CMBG, Capt Rob Clarke, had the task of breaking the never good news to the Comd. Despite the calamity experienced the day before, every morning's exercise read-in package began with a quick summary such as, "Yesterday was a successful day for the Olympics, with the multiple dirty bomb explosions, rising flood waters, and unresolved hostage situation all failing to dampen the Olympic spirit." With that kind of wry optimism, it must have been a Patricia writing the exercise injects.



1 CMBG Patricias deployed on Op PODIUM

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REMEMBERING THE FALLEN: CANADIAN MILITARY HISTORY LIVES ON IN KABUL

By LCol Christopher R. Kilford, CD, PhD (Deputy Defence Attaché in Kabul)

Last August, in the British newspaper the Telegraph, Ben Farmer wrote “there is a corner of Kabul that is forever England.” He was referring to the Sherpur Cantonment Cemetery in Kabul or, as the little blue and white plaque notes at the entrance, the British Cemetery. A short distance from the Canadian Embassy and about the size of a football field, the cemetery was built in 1879 for those killed during second Anglo-Afghan War. Among the many graves is that of Major John Cook, 5th Gurkha Rifles, who won a Victoria Cross as a result of hand-to-hand fighting with Pashtun tribesmen in December 1878. He was later killed during an attack on the Taht-i-Shah peak, one of several hills that surround Kabul.

Besides the many military graves, the cemetery also serves as a final resting place for those drawn to Afghanistan for adventure, exploration or simply to lend a helping hand to the Afghan people. The most famous civilian grave is that of Hungarian-born British archaeologist Aurel Stein, who passed away in Kabul in October 1943. In 2002, Éva Apor, from the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, described Stein as “one of the greatest personalities of the twentieth century who specialized in Indian and Iranian Studies.” At 80 years old, he had come to Afghanistan to study the military campaigns of Alexander the Great, but



British Cemetery, South Wall



Cemetery Plaque

passed away shortly after arriving.

Today, the cemetery is owned by the city of Kabul and is not part of the network of cemeteries recognised by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The result is that the British defence attaché office in Afghanistan has become the cemetery’s unofficial champion. The British Embassy also ensured that Rahimullah, the cemetery’s caretaker for at least thirty years, was paid a small sum each month. Regrettably, he passed away in early March and now one of his sons has taken on the role. For the new caretaker, there are many graves and numerous plaques to keep watch over. Indeed, the granite plaques adorning the walls of the cemetery are of great significance and on the eastern wall the names of 43 Canadian soldiers are listed – they lost their lives in and around Kabul between April 2002 and November 2006. 17 were members of the PPCLI.

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Like much of the cemetery, the 300 metre eastern wall was in danger of tumbling down, taking the Canadian plaques with it. However, the British and Canadian Embassy's each contributed \$5000 to a special fund in February 2010 so that extensive repairs could be carried out. Meanwhile, the British Embassy provided additional funding to ensure the southern wall, where the names of all British war dead are listed, was also suitably repaired.



Colonel Overton

While in winter, the cemetery can look a little bleak. It is a different story in the spring and summer, when the many trees and rose bushes are in full bloom under blue skies. The cemetery, said Ben Farmer is "an oasis of calm contemplation at the heart of a city scarred by conflict." It has also become a corner of Kabul that will be forever Canadian.



Mapple Leaf wall plaque

95TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

The anniversary was held the weekend of 8-10 May 2009 in Edmonton at the Ramada Inn and Conference Centre. Although the number in attendance was under what was expected, those in attendance had a great time. In attendance were members from as far away as St John's, Nfld in the east, to Nagasaki, Japan in the west, and McKenzie, BC in the north. The only province which was not represented was Quebec. A couple of snow birds who winter in Brownsville, Texas even came back home to Saskatchewan early in order to attend the festivities. When the event was initially planned, the time frame chosen was the best time to afford the serving members of the Regiment an opportunity to attend, but a change and alteration of the training plan unfortunately prevented many from attending. Never the less, there were a number of serving members in attendance including the CO and RSM of the Third Battalion and several members from the First Battalion. Also in attendance, besides the Colonel in Chief and the Colonel of the Regiment, were two previous Colonels in Chief. There were representatives from all thirteen branches of the Association as well as members at large and former Patricias and guests. The Piklee Club chose their annual affair to take place near the end of May and this affected the attendance greatly from that group. I guess they have more allegiance to their Retired Sgt's and Warrant Officers Club than the Regiment as their absence was noticeable.

Friday saw the usual meet and greet festivities take place. As this was also the anniversary of the Battle of Frezenberg, a commemorative ceremony was held with the Edmonton Police Pipes and Drums Band, and a Bugler from the RCA Band participating. In the afternoon about 100 or so young members of the Third Battalion joined the rank and file for the meet and greet. It was moving to see how people greeted others that they had not seen in years, and in some cases, people they had not seen for at least 40 years.



The CinC and COR present WO Pete Palmer with his Regimental Certificate of Service after serving more than 20 years with the PPCLI

There were a number of private exhibitors who brought in their collections of old uniforms, web gear, photos etc. The Regimental kit shop was also in attendance and was almost completely bought out. The troops from the Third shook their heads in disbelief at the sight of the web gear that we wore in the 50's and 60's!!!

The annual general meeting Saturday morning was attended by 70 people and was very productive. The Association welcomed a new branch into the family with the new addition of the Cyprus Hills Branch located in southern Alberta now in the fold. All 13 branches of the Association were represented during the weekend.

Saturday evening at the Dinner Dance, those in attendance were treated to a great meal and music played by a local band that played music from the 50's, and 60's era. The music and food was thoroughly enjoyed by all. During the dance, a number of things occurred which just brilliantly enhanced the evening. A member who has a seeing disability, Larry Black, stood in the middle of the floor and his dog Dillon, danced circles around him to the beat of the music. Not to be outdone, an Edmonton Branch member, Harry Moore, who is confined to a wheel chair, showed us how to do wheelies and dance to the old music on two wheels. A number of ladies also got the Colonel in Chief out on the dance floor and taught her how to line dance. Madame Clarkson thought this was absolutely fantastic.



As at the 90th Anniversary celebrations, a Last Man Standing was done. This is where a Patricia camp flag is given to the Patricia in attendance that joined the earliest. The winner last year was Jack Cathie who joined in 1936. He presented the flag to a veteran who joined the Regiment in 1943.

During the weekend a large number of door prizes were given away including an oil painting of a modern soldier donated by Bill Bewick with a street value of over one thousand dollars.

The next reunion and Anniversary we are all looking forward to is of course our 100th, coming up in August 2014. Friends and acquaintances departed having had a wonderful time and enjoyed their visit at the 95th reunion.



The tradition of Last Man Standing goes on

MANITOBA & NORTHWEST ONTARIO BRANCH

Typically, our year began with the Branch AGM on February 1st. As this was the 'odd' year, there were no elections and the incumbent members of the Executive remained in office.

Our first social function was our Regimental Day celebration on March 15th at the Charleswood Legion where we hosted a few and toasted the Regiment and the Ladies. This was followed on the 14th of June with our Annual Barbecue and Bocce tournament, also at the Charleswood Legion.

On June 25th, a few of us drove out to Shilo for Second Battalion's Change of Command. It was a beautiful day for a parade and the Battalion performed well as Lieutenant-Colonel G.D. Corbould relinquished command to Lieutenant-Colonel S.B. Schreiber, and Chief Warrant Officer C.J. Waugh replaced Chief Warrant Officer B.W. Semenko as RSM.

July 15th was a special day for retired Patricia Joseph (Joe) Meconse as he was one of twelve Manitobans invested with the Order of Manitoba. This Order, established by special legislation in 1999, is the highest honour of the Province of Manitoba. It recognizes people "who have demonstrated excellence and achievement in any field of endeavour benefitting in an outstanding manner the social, cultural or economic well-being of Manitoba and its residents.

Joe Meconse is a Sayisi Dene elder who has served his people and his country with distinction and has played an important role in improving the quality of life for Canada's Aboriginal veterans. Joining the Canadian Forces in 1962, his service took him to Cypress and Germany for peacekeeping duties and to Quebec during the FLQ crisis. He left the Forces in 1971 and enjoyed a long career with Corrections Canada. Since his 2000 retirement, he has been travelling the province, visiting schools and other venues to promote awareness of the contributions and sacrifices Aboriginal veterans have made. Among others, he is a member of the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry Association and the National Aboriginal Veterans Association. His work with the latter was instrumental to the installation of the National Aboriginal Veterans Monument in Ottawa in 2001.

Thirty-four Members and guests attended our Branch Luncheon at Winnipeg's Marlborough Hotel on September 27. As attendance at our Annual Dinner has been declining in recent years we had decided to try a mid-day Luncheon this year, in hopes of attracting members from outside Winnipeg and a few of our local members who don't like driving at night.

Our guest speaker, the Hon. Greg Thompson, Minister of Veterans Affairs, spoke about a number of veterans' issues the government has been dealing with and answered a few questions. He very generously took time both before and after the meal to circulate among the tables and talk to as many as possible. Mr. Thompson was accompanied by the Hon. Steven Fletcher, Member of Parliament for Charleswood-St. James-Assiniboia. Mr. Fletcher made a few brief remarks, noting that he was "very proud that we maintained our heritage and tradition with our toasts to the Queen and Regiment."

Also in attendance were Captain Rick Sellwood of 2701 PPCLI Cadet Corps with his wife Adeline, and Lieutenant-Colonel Mike Gagne, Winnipeg area's Senior Serving Patricia. On behalf of the Regiment, Colonel Gagne presented Captain Sellwood with a Regimental Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his twenty-nine years of devoted service to our Cadet Corps.

Ten of us made it to Shilo on December 10th for Christmas Dinner with the Second Battalion. Following the dinner, most had to hit the road back to Winnipeg but three of us had arranged overnight accommodations and were able to accompany the Warrant Officers and Sergeants on a very enjoyable visit to the Officers' Mess.

Our latest new member is Rick Sellwood, former Commanding Officer and currently Band Officer with 2701 PPCLI Cadet Corps. On the down side, Korea Veteran Gerry Phillips passed away on March 18, 2009, and Associate Member Rhae Lewis, widow of the late Mel Lewis, passed away on June 9th.

VANCOUVER BRANCH

Our year started off on March 15th with the Branch AGM held in the WO's & Sgt's Mess of the Seaforth Armoury before our Regimental Luncheon. Having the meeting beforehand definitely gets more members out to the AGM. This was an election year and the current Executive was returned to Office for another two years. We had 18 members and 2 guests attend the meeting.

After the meeting, we had a social hour before starting the Luncheon. 19 members and 7 guests were in attendance. Our guest speaker L/Col. (ret'd) John Appleby gave a talk on what



Mel Thistlethwaite - never volunteer!



is being done for reservists when they return from overseas duty. It was a very informative talk. Our raffle did well and everyone had a good time.

As the President was unable to attend the National AGM in Edmonton, Peter Seiersen represented the Branch.

On Sunday, August 30th 2009 we had our Annual BBQ with 13 members and 2 1/2 guests in attendance. The 1/2 guest was John & Linda McKenzie's son Shaun. Bob McDonald has become the official bartender for the BBQ now that Don Boyce has strayed away from us. Mel Thistlethwaite has taken over the BBQ with help from Tom Holland. Though our numbers were way down, we had a good time.

On Sunday, December 6th we held our annual Xmas Party at the home of Jenny Urquhart, with a total of 13 Members and 3 guests present. Pete Seiersen paid us a surprise visit as he had a Retired Police Function earlier in the day and came to ours in the late afternoon. A very enjoyable afternoon for those who attended.

Unfortunately the Branch had to say goodbye to two more members, Ian Hunter and Vern Duerksen. We did not acquire any new members so our numbers are dropping and it is getting harder to get members out to functions. Hopefully next year will see a turnaround of this situation.



Bob McDonald hard at work

EDMONTON BRANCH

The year 2009, as it always seems in the last decade, was another busy and productive year. The first half of the year of course was taken up with preparations for the 95th Anniversary of the Regiment and the annual general meeting. We all enjoyed the reunion despite the notable absence of another retired PPCLI members organization. Never the less, all who attended had a great time. The battalions, despite preparations for Afghanistan etc, participated as much as possible and their presence was much appreciated. We all took a well deserved rest after it was over.

Locally, the Branch was very active and prominent in a number of venues. Remembrance Day saw our members take in 8 different Remembrance Day parades as well as attending some school ceremonies. The Branch was represented again at the First and Third Battalion's Men's Xmas Dinners, several members attended the Edmonton Branch of the KVA for their Christmas dinner and a number of Grad parades at WATC in Wainwright were attended. Exercise Bold Eagle 20, was also attended by members of the Branch. Our Christmas party was well attended and the members were gracious once again for their donations and gifts to the food bank and Santa's Anonymous. The Branch again was in attendance at the 2551 PPCLI Cadet Corp year end parade and acted as the Reviewing Officer.

Membership wise, that guy upstairs took John Jackson, Una Travis and Liz Basham from us but we recruited 6 more new members. Our membership not only dwells in Edmonton, but we have members residing in Saskatoon, China, Castlegar, Prince George, Ottawa, Peace River, St Paul, Red Deer, Barrhead etc, just to name a few. We had a number of members who decided not to continue after their first free year of membership which was given after leaving the service, and two members have moved and will become members with other branches. Recruitment seems to be a continuing problem seen by all branches. Our current 2009 membership was 84 regular members and 26 associates.

Later on in 2010 we will be making a formal presentation to the Edmonton Police Pipe and Drums, making them Honorary Associate members of our Branch.

Locally, the Branch made a number of donations to the Kipness Centre, a retirement and care facility for WW2 veterans and to the 2551 Cadet Corps. The Cadet Corp members were also given a 95th Anniversary pin as they are the only military related organization that wears the red and white PPCLI flash. They were ecstatic.

Our members for 2009 were George Arndt, Warren Bard, Herman Barkemeyer, Barny and Marj Barnhart, David Basham, Ted Bastien and Betty Newman-Jones, Wayne Bennett, Eugene Bekar, Marcel Beztiney, Art and Beth Brochu, Dick Buxton Jnr, Stephen Chorney, Charles Colpitts, Ed Coswan, Bob and Nada Craig, Gene Croken, John Demerchant, Gord Descoteaux, George Dewindt, Bill Dickson, Jim Dunn, Mark Eckley, Al Estey, Ralph Funk, Fred Goldring, Jim Goodwin, David Gorman, Karl and Janice Gotthardt, Ed Haines, John Haines, Bob and Marion Harris, Bob Hidson, Lloyd Holden, Ken Jobin, Wayne Johnston, Stan Kellington, John and Shirley Kolanchey, Oscar Lacombe, Vic and Patricia Laurence, Bill Lee, Mike Lotoski, Ken Lyons, Brian Magas, Dan Magnan, Earl Mansfield, Darrel Marsh, Rob McConechy, Don McBride, Lyle and Sharon McIvor, Neil McKerracher, Monty Moncrief, Harry Moore, Ed Morley, Pat Munro (her father was an original who survived the war !!) Ken Nette, Chris Smith, GB Smith, Peter Oleksyn, Otto Piecha, Len and Gladys Poirier, Maurice and Karen Polowick, Gary Ramstad, Bert Reed, Barry Remanda, Paul and Donna Robison, Orvis Schneider, Vern Shave, Joe Schechtel, Larry Schwenneker, Bill Shybunka, Fred Schiweck, Graham Smith, Bob Storrier, Bill Sutherland, Wayne Taylor, Bill Thiele, Gerry Thomas, Bruce Topham, Sam Vangunst, Jim Vigue, Rico von Gernet, Ted Walton, Whitey Whitehead, Brian Wood.

We still hold our meetings on the 4th Saturday of each month except in July and August, and on the 2nd Saturday in December at the Kingsway Legion at 11:00 hours. This may be the last year we will meet there as they have been bought out by the city to build an LRT extension. We will follow the Legion wherever it goes. If you are in the vicinity drop in or give us a call.

VANCOUVER ISLAND BRANCH

Another Great Year for our Island Branch, starting with our Annual Regimental Dinner, celebrating our 95th with 95% of our membership attending. The ENTERTAINMENT was band music with military video off to the side which also helped entertain the Cadet Group who volunteered to collect dishes in return for the Branches support of their unit. Yes, the Cadets had supper, pop, cake and a chance to talk to the old guard as well. Special thanks to Bruce Dickey for the video presentation. My wife and our special guest Anne Marshall, as well as members Frank Chevier, Larry Graves and wife Anne, BGen Larry Gollner and wife Christine, just to name a few who attended the A.G.M. in Edmonton. Great trip learned a lot, met as many wonderful people as was possible. I had the pleasure to have lunch with our Colonel-in-Chief, Madame Clarkson, and Vice President Joe Schulz. Our conversation centered on the "Manitoba

Suit Case" and what that meant. A Special thanks to President Fred Goldring and his staff for an A+ event. They set a high standard for all of us to maintain at A.G.M'S. I must take this opportunity to thank the Calgary Branch and its membership who work for the Gaming Proceeds which many members benefit from during these events.

Our main project for the Branch this year to celebrate the Regiment's 95th was to re-dedicate and repair the CAIRN at BEACON HILL PARK in Victoria near Mile 0. The Regiment covered the cost of repairs and member Chick Goodman organized the event while BGen Gollner



Re-Dedication Ceremony at Beacon Hill Park



conducted the Re-Dedication Ceremony. All went well with a good turnout of Regular Force PPCLI as well as branch members from all parts of the Island. Retired Patricia's were also in attendance that were present during the original unveiling of this Historic Monument.

I had the Honour this year to present a Trophy to a top PPCLI Cadet at WORK POINT BARRACKS during their Annual Parade. Since our re-connection and minor support, the Cadet unit has increased from 25 to 35; this is good news, every bit of interest helps.

Our Membership varied a bit this year and sadly we lost some of our long time faithful members. GOOD NEWS, we gained a couple of new members and will probably open another branch in NANIMAO next year. I was privileged to be able to carry the Olympic Torch in Comox as an ex Peacekeeper but I also hid and carried a Patricia cap badge in my pocket. Therefore I think I represented both respectfully. I will step down at the end of this year but would like to thank first my Branch Members FOR ALLOWING ME TO REPRESENT AND SERVE YOU. Second all the Association Members I have had the pleasure to work with.

Regards,

ED / CHINK/ WIDENMAIER

President Vancouver Island Branch



Ed Widenmaier carrying the Olympic Torch

FRASER VALLEY BRANCH

Our Branch is quite unique, in that we cover a large geographical area with our membership from around the lower mainland to the interior of British Columbia.

Our Branch members come from Kimberly, BC (Paddy, Brown), Penticton, BC (Allen, Burke), Mackenzie, BC (Dave, Kirby & Cliff, Cooper), Aldergrove, BC (Shaun Francis), Abbotsford, BC (Cy, Hoffman), Agassiz, BC (Ray & Joey, Ellis, John Tattrie, (Don & Helga Boyce), Hope, BC (Wes White), Burnaby, BC (Peter Pasanen), Surrey, BC (Jim Ogden), Kamloops, BC (Alex & Dina Sim), Chase, BC (Rollie Phillips), Halfmoon Bay, BC (Bud D.G. MacLeod) and from Alberta Beach, AB (Jim & Mona, Hayward).

We also have 16 members from the Chilliwack area and 6 Honorary branch members. Chilliwack is our main base location; where we hold our monthly luncheon meetings at Branch # 280 Legion at Vedder Crossing area.

In May we held our annual BBQ at Mark & Lorrie Benjamin's home in Sardis. 30 members and guests brought their own food and beverages, for a very enjoyable afternoon by all.

In September our Branch went through the changing of executives; our current leaders include past President Ray Ellis; newly elected President Marc Gagne and Vice President Wayne Dehnke. Our Secretary Ann, Forsyth and Treasurer Liz, Brown volunteered for an additional term in office.

Our monthly meetings have changed from the first Wednesday evening at 1900hrs of each month to the first Thursday of each month as a Luncheon at 11:30 AM.

On Remembrance Day our Branch members gathered with Legion members for the Remembrance Day Parade at the newly renovated Cenotaph in Vedder Crossing at former CFB Chilliwack.



Gen (ret'd) Herb Pitts, Marian Pitts, Col (ret'd) Peter Kenward, Michelle Kenward

Our annual Christmas function was held at the Best Western Hotel, in Chilliwack with our guest speaker being MGen (Ret'd) Herb Pitts, accompanied by his loving wife Marian. We were also pleased to welcome Col (Ret'd) Peter Kenward and his wife Michelle. Our MC was Tom Walton who carried out his duties in a very entertaining manner.

If anyone is considering a move or visit to our beautiful Fraser Valley, please contact any member of our Branch for assistance. Don't forget to consider becoming a member of our Branch as we are constantly looking for new members.

If you would like to visit our area, the Fraser Valley is very scenic and has many good golf courses.

GIVING A HELPING HAND

December is generally a very busy month for the majority of Canadian families preparing for the Christmas season. On 20 December 2009 upon completion of my Christmas shopping, I decided to proceed back to home base and check my computer for any new messages. I received a message from our Regimental Major, Jeff Bird, asking for our assistance on an RCMP request.

Well, as it turns out, this was one week before Christmas and the Langley, BC RCMP had adopted a family who had suffered a great loss a few months earlier. Customarily, they would gather food hampers and such and deliver them to the family they had adopted for that year.

This Year however, the Langley RCMP were so moved by the accident that they responded to (a 40 year old male who was crushed to death in an industrial accident in September of 2009), that they adopted the Albert Family as their cause. The 40 year old male was a father of three and was an ex- Patricia by the name of Danny Albert who had served in the Second Battalion PPCLI.

RCMP Cpl. Michelle Adrienne was detailed to coordinate and arrange a presentation on the 23rd of December 2009. Major Jeff Bird called upon the nearest available Patricia in the area to lend a hand if possible. The RSS person from Vancouver was MWO Bill Annand and Fraser Valley President Marc Gagne. The Albert family only wished we could attend this RCMP presentation as (ex) MCpl- Albert's wife wished to speak with members from the PPCLI Regiment.

RCMP Cpl Michelle Adrienne arranged to use the parade square on the old CFB Chilliwack Base for the presentations. They gave the young Albert widow three bicycles for her children and one for herself along with a young dog and stuffed toys and food hampers. After all the speeches and further presentation from our Chilliwack Mayor, Mrs. Albert walked over to Bill Annand and I and requested information on her husband's medals so that she could have them mounted for her sons. As we were not familiar with this ex servicemen, we informed her of the procedures we would follow. We explained to her that we would have to contact the PPCLI Association for directions on this type of request. She asked if that is the PPCLI Family Association and we explained our Motto to her: Once a Patricia always a Patricia. Upon returning home from the presentation ceremonies, I immediately contacted Major Bird and requested his assistance in this regard. As a conscientious hard working individual, Major Bird promised to check on this ex-servicemen's records to see what medals he had coming to him and if mounting



could be done by the Regiment. He indicated that this would take some time and that he would inform me and the Albert family upon completion.

I informed the Albert family of the Regimental role on this matter. Just a friendly reminder to all Patricia's that we always aim to help all fellow Patricia's in whatever crises.

CYPRESS HILLS BRANCH

It was a warm day at CFB Suffield in early May 2009 when the Colonel in Chief of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry came to visit the troops during EX Desert Ram. This trip was not all about the soldiers in the field getting ready to deploy in the coming months, it was also to do something that had not been done for a number of years. Madam Clarkson was here to Charter the newest branch of the PPCLI Association: The Cypress Hills Branch, representing the Patricias of South-eastern Alberta.

The evening brought together serving Patricias and families from the base as well as many of the retired members and families residing in the area. The evening began at the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess with an informal meet and greet. Madam Clarkson and the Colonel of the Regiment BGen L. Gollner (Ret'd) took the opportunity to mingle and meet with those in attendance. Upon the completion of a very fine meal in the Mess dining room, and after a few drinks, the Charter was presented to the President of the Branch, Mr. Dan Palmer. The Colonel of the Regiment spoke about the importance of keeping alive the memory of the Regiment and all that it has accomplished over close to a century of service. He also spoke of the key role the Association plays in the safeguarding of that memory. The evening was a great success and it was the first time that a number of regimental family members had the opportunity to meet the current Colonel in Chief and Colonel of the Regiment.

At present the Branch boasts a membership of nineteen serving and retired members as well as some spouses.



The Cypress Hills Branch of the PPCLI Association opens at CFB Suffield

SOUTHWEST ONTARIO BRANCH

Greetings from the Southwest Ontario Branch.

Our Annual General Meeting Weekend was held at the Days Inn in St Catharines, the same location as last year and where it will be held in 2010. Meetings had a good turnout of members and guests as this is the one time of the year that members from SW Ontario can get together as a unit. Our executive remained the same for the coming year.

On March 17th we held our PPCLI 95th Anniversary celebration dinner at Betty's restaurant in Niagara Falls with a very good membership turnout. Everyone had a good time and we plan to do it again at the same location for 2010. Most of the members in attendance are from the Niagara Peninsula.

In August we held a BBQ at Bill Chrysler's home in Ridgeway. There was a fair turnout due to the rainy weather but the rain did not damper the spirits of those who attended and enjoyed lots of good food, drinks, and the periodic sunshine. Our chief cook at the BBQ was Romeo Daley who kept the burgers, chicken and sausages coming. We will be planning a bigger and better one for the year coming.

John Hunter and a few other members are still working hard to put our proposed centennial project forward. We need a support branch to assist us to keep it moving forward. John has done a lot of groundwork in hopes that this project would be accepted as it is meant to continue beyond our centennial year.

Various members are continuing to work with the communities in support of community projects and Forces identifications, such as Ed MacDonald, still working with the school on Remembrance Day projects, as is Hub Lalonde. We have also joined forces periodically with the local RCR Branch and put a proposal towards the City of Niagara Falls to rename Highway 420 into Veterans Memorial Parkway. This proposal is now in the final reading before Regional Council and has a favourable sign of acceptance. A number of us attended a dedication ceremony at the Hamilton airport to dedicate the rebuilding of a Buffalo aircraft, similar to the one that was shot down over Syria with 9 Canadian Peacekeepers on board on the 9th of August, 1974. Family members of the 9 Peacekeepers who died were in attendance as the dedication was made by the Lt Governor of Ontario. Our joining forces with the RCR Branch is done to promote recognition to the public of Niagara Peninsula on the existence of both units, and to make former members of those units become aware of our existence. This has also promoted stronger comradeship between our two units.



Courtesy of the Korea Veterans Association News Photo, which shows Lance Cpl. William (Bill) Chrysler of Hamilton (now living in Ridgeway), helping Pte Morris Piche of Ottawa in Korea. As Bill recalls the moment, "we had just entered the front lines, it was the middle of February 1951, when we came under heavy fire as the enemy was withdrawing to slow our advances, Morris was wounded and could not get out, so I got him out of harms way to the medics."

In closing, we would like to extend an invitation to any Patricia traveling in our area to join us at any of our functions. We may even be able to provide you with a guided tour through our vineyards and Niagara Peninsula area. Our 2010 AGM will take place on 01 May 2010.



WAINWRIGHT BRANCH

This past year has been an active one once again for the Wainwright Branch with many of our local members continuing to support and participate closely with our serving comrades, whether it is through the Corps of Commissionaires, the Western Area Training Centre, the Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre or Camp Wainwright itself.

Our membership has increased to about 45 active members and some 20 plus inactive members. The Branch continues to enjoy the opportunity to support the LFWA Training Centre as the Old Guard representative for a number of recruit badging and graduation ceremonies.

Once again the Branch continues to dabble in the security business. We helped to provide security for the Alberta Men's Provincial curling tournament and we also provided security for a Camp Wainwright sponsored George Canyon concert. Not only did we manage to raise some cash for the Branch, we were able to attend both events free of charge.

2009 also seemed to be the year of the memorial for the Branch. Wainwright has agreed to take on the lead branch responsibilities supported by the Edmonton Branch for the 100th Anniversary Hamilton Gault Memorial Park. We are proposing a theme of "The First Hundred Years". The idea is to build a wall that displays the operations (Battalion level) that Patricia's have participated in since the founding of the Regiment. Attached are a couple of pictures which will give you an idea of what it might look like. Currently, a CF 141 (Engineering request) is working its way through the system and will hopefully produce some design drawings and estimated costs. If anyone out there has an opinion, please get a hold of the Branch with your comments.



Proposed changes to Gault Memorial Park



Frezenberg Memorial

The second memorial work was done on a long neglected and essentially forgotten cairn to S/Sgt Tyke, the First Battalion mascot who died on the Wainwright sports field back in 1955. Stafford Plumbing provided the restoration and materials at no cost.

Our final ongoing project is the restoration of a cross found in the Wainwright training area by 1 PPCLI. This cross was erected in the Battalion's bivouac site in 1989 to commemorate the Battle of Frezenberg. Branch members who work for Range Control have undertaken to do this work (on their own time of course) which will be completed sometime in the spring of 2010.

The year ended with our annual Christmas get together. This year rather than the legion, we decide to put on a branch only dinner at the Wainwright Golf club. We were able to muster about 30 plus branch members and their significant others, enjoyed some excellent food and listened to the music supplied by DJ Ken Ryan.

CALGARY BRANCH

Greeting to all Patricia's from the "Cowtown" Branch of the PPCLI Association. Here in Calgary, 2009 was again another very successful year. Beginning with our fall meet and greet in September 2008, members and guests came out for an evening of catch up on summer activities, good food and companionship. For the Branch Executive, this was the start of the planning for 2009 branch activities.

These activities began with the celebrating of the "Regimental Birthday" on March 17th at our host Legion Branch # 275. Following this celebration was the First Annual "Lady P" Dinner Dance. Members and their ladies dressed in finery, dined well and danced the night away. Member Jimmy Lee continued his winning streak, while the ladies were impressed with the executive's thoughtfulness in supplying corsages. More formal branch activities in March saw members John Burke and Rod Hunter each receive an Association Award of Merit for their long time Branch volunteer activities.

With the arrival of spring, forty members strolled the links at the Turner Valley Golf and Country Club for the annual Association Golf Tournament coordinated by Jerry Bowes. May also saw the younger "Cowtown" Patricia's from 2554 PPCLI Cadets Corps demonstrate their stuff while pounding the parade square at the Southern Zone Drill Competition, and then again in the Provincial Drill competition in Edmonton, AB. Members Bob Zubkowski and Bruce Nickel shared the honours for assisting these new Cadets reach their goals.

June found members putting on aprons and with the Cadets in fatigues as the Second Annual Support the Troops Breakfast was held at The Military Museums. This year's event featured a car show and with the assistance of the Calgary chapter of the Canadian Army Veterans, a small motorcycle show and shine. Summer activities continued with the Third Annual "Liquid Courage", held during Stampede week. Branch members were credited by the "Liquid Courage" organizers for making this yet again a triumphant affair.

September saw the membership regroup for the fall meet and greet and the continuation of the Branch Executives planning. Elections held in October saw a majority of the Executive return for another term. This was a very positive shift as long range plans for the Branch are now well on track, and the learning curve for future activities is less formable. Members were honoured to be included in the October, Hall of Honour Re-Dedication Ceremony, at the Military Museum. After the formal portion of this ceremony, we enjoyed meeting and mingling with new serving Patricia's from the Third Battalion.



November, like in past years, was hectic for our members working with the Poppy Campaign. For the second year in a row, the 2554 PPCLI Cadets joined forces with Ted Lewis's poppy crew to ensure that a one hundred percent maximum effort was achieved. The 11th of November saw membership representation at various Remembrance Day Ceremonies held here in Calgary. Branch Sgt at Arms Al Simard and member Tom Hradec finished off this day as part of the center ice Salute to the Canadian Forces for that night's Calgary Hitman hockey game. The end of the month saw members with regular service, beginning in the Second World War, grouped with younger branch members with service in Afghanistan show up at the Cadet parade night. A formal inspection of the Cadets was done by Branch President Jim Croll. Following the inspection, Jim Croll presented a cheque to the Cadets from the Casino Fund. Following was a second cheque delivered by Branch Vice, Faron Brown. Lastly, was a presentation of a Branch Certificate of Appreciation to



the assembled Cadets for all their volunteer efforts in assisting the Branch. The parade was dismissed and the Cadets were then given a "Living Regimental History Night" for the first time.



A member of the Calgary Branch helps give a tour of the PPCLI Museum

In addition to regular branch volunteer activities, members here in Calgary do double duty throughout the year by being part of the volunteer staff at The Military Museums. Member Doug Bedford spends his time in the collections room cataloguing our extensive holdings. Members George Arthurson, George Couture, Bill Davis, Hank Edwards, Ron Fraser, and Sam Simpson spend their time taking visitors through the PPCLI Gallery. Member Alec Herdy is now emplaced as the volunteer archival staff, in addition to having space to produce the Branch newsletter. In addition, to the Patricia's this year a "digger" from down under was found assisting the hometown crew. This "digger" is more formerly known as Cpl Rick Chong, Third Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (Airborne). Cpl Chong is in Canada on a "walk about" and had heard of our excellent museum galleries and volunteered his time in various museum roles.

2010 will see the "Cowtown" Patricia's busy as ever with our schedule of events arranged and a warm Patricia welcome for any member who finds themselves in "the new heart of the west".



PPCLI Warrant Officer's & Senior NCO's Club

The PPCLI WO's & Snr NCO's Club (Retired) gathered in Penticton, BC on May 27th and 28th for the Annual Get-Together and 33rd Anniversary Frezenberg Dinner. But it was really more than that being the Regiments 95th Anniversary in 2009.

Tour buses brought members from Richmond, BC while some came by Airline or taxi from Calgary, AB and others by auto. I observed a parking lot full of Veterans plates, however, that was not the only indication. Bumper stickers and memorabilia displayed in auto windows indicated that the PPCLI had arrived in Penticton, BC. Members even came with walkers and on canes to celebrate their wonderful years and reminisce as Patricia's greeted and chatted with Patricia's. We saw 'Plush' Rockburne in the Fitness area of the Sandman Inn so often that I was sure he had shown up on a bicycle.

This happy group of Patricia's did consume their favourite beverages although there was much more to do than eat and drink. You could also test your cycling prowess and leg power by pedaling a bicycle which overlooked the two indoor pools. Golfers competed for the Bill & Jennie White trophy and members enjoyed a walk along the waterfront. A popular relaxation spot was the casino on the waterfront and back issues of the 2007 Patrician were made available to anyone who wanted them.



Club members reminisce as they wait for dinner to be served



Club President Ed Hansen and Regimental WO, WO Jones share a laugh

Our Prez, Ed Hansen was busy orchestrating and supervising the two-day event. Thanks again Ed.

All of our get-togethers have to have the "Erika's Draw" to help sustain the Club; this year was no different. Late Thursday afternoon we were all completely engrossed in watching our ticket numbers. I probably don't need to tell you that the winners left smiling.

In two days, lots of beverages were served by Bill Wilkinson and Rollie Phillips, who were frequently seen hurrying from one place to another but were never too busy to stop and greet people who hailed them. A small army of members in PPCLI WO's & Snr NCO's Club aprons made it all happen. To them, a well deserved THANK YOU!

The annual event concluded with the 33rd Anniversary Frezenberg Dinner attended by 98 members.

PPCLI Warrant Officer's & Senior NCO's Club



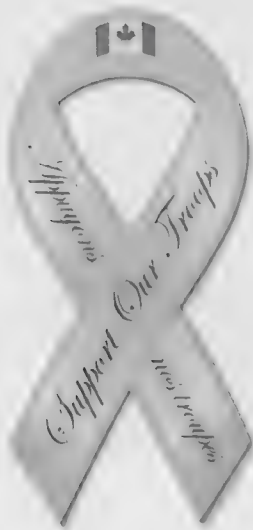
Regimental Warrant Officer, Rob Jones, presented four Regimental Certificates of Appreciation to Bill & Erika Wilkinson, Richard & Faye Engel, Ray & Joey Ellis and Don & Helga Boyce. Rob also presented the Club with a plaque emphasizing a pace stick, accepted by the Prez, Ed Hansen.

Following the presentations, on the main stage, we were entertained by musical impersonator and comedian, Kenny Shaw.

In closing, to the PPCLI we send a Special Greeting everywhere – Happy 95th Birthday!
PPCLI CELEBRATE!



Greetings from the PPCLI WO's and Snr NCO's Club

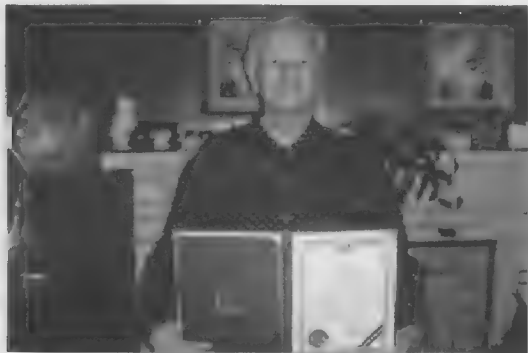


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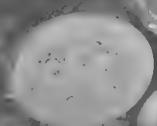
90TH BIRTHDAYS

Happy 90th Birthday to Mr. Hugh Tinney, retired veteran of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Mr. Tinney was born in Vancouver, BC on 23 January 1920. Interested in serving his country during the Second World War, he joined the Canadian Army, and trained in Calgary and Chilliwack prior to being transferred to England, whereby he joined the PPCLI. After more training in Scotland, he participated at the "Landing of Sicily" where the Regiment earned its first Battle Honour of the Second World War. During the Italian Campaign, he also saw action at the formidable "Hitler Line". Hugh continued to proudly serve the Regiment until April 1945.



Mr. Hugh Tinney celebrates
his 90th Birthday

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2483 (ESQUIMALT) ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY CADET CORPS PPCLI

2009 has been an outstanding year for the cadets and staff of 2483 RCACC. Not only has the Cadet Corps grown from 20 to 35 cadets, but the Corps moral and esprit de corps has never been better. This year has been full of many fun activities. Some of the 2009 highlights include: biking the Galloping Goose - Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition; a 6 corps, Battalion Field Training Exercise at CFB Albert Head; Times Colonist 10 km run; 4 corps sports nights; band and marksmanship training and countless other fun and challenging activities. Our 2009 Annual Ceremonial Review in combination with our first ever 2483 PPCLI reunion was a huge success. Brigadier-General J.E.L. Gollner, OMM, CD (Ret'd) – Colonel of the PPCLI Regiment, was our Reviewing Officer and we were so pleased to have him inspect our cadets. Whilst on parade, Brigadier General Gollner stated he hadn't been on the Workpoint Parade Square since 1965!!! The cadets looked very sharp and marched with pride during the inspection. Following the Annual, everyone was invited to the Naval Officer's Gunnroom at Workpoint Barracks for the reunion festivities. About 25 former cadets of the corps dating as far back to the early 80's attended. We had a great BBQ and the reunion especially showed the current cadets how much of a positive impact the cadet program can have on one's life. As a result of the reunion we have now formed a 2483 Alumni. The 2483 cadets would also like to thank the Vancouver Island PPCLI Association for their continued support. President Ed Widenmaier, CD has been so helpful in providing PPCLI Maroon t-shirts for all of the cadets, as well as encouraging the Association to donate money to the Corps. In March 2010 Ed Widenmaier will be stepping down from the PPCLI Association and Major Steve Sawyer (a former CO of 2483 RCACC) will be taking over. We are looking forward to continuing a great relationship with the Vancouver Island PPCLI Association. I would like to thank all of the cadets, Officers, Regular Force Advisors and our amazing Sponsoring Committee for being such a great group of people who genuinely care about our Corps. The 2483 RCACC is an all around awesome corps and it is just going to get better!

PATRICIAS!

Captain Madeleine Dahl
Commanding Officer
2483 RCACC PPCLI



BGen (Ret'd) Gollner presents CWO Ryan Deveau with the Lord Strathcona Medal at the 2009 2483 Annual Ceremonial Review



C/Sgt Myers, C/Sgt Worth and C/Sgt Begin prepare for their NSCE (National Star Certification Exam) Map & Compass testing.



The Corps on exercise at CFB Metr in Nanoose Bay, October 2009



Cadets

2701 (WINNIPEG) ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY CADET CORPS PPCLI

2009 was a busy and fulfilling year for 2701 PPCLI RCACC.

The year started off with one of our cadets, C/Sgt Mayo, participating in a Regional Expedition. He was selected to go on Ice and Mixed climbing in the beginning of February. Two of our cadets, C/Sgt Mayo and C/Sgt Giberson successfully completed the National Star Certification Examination in the spring with C/Sgt Mayo receiving top marks. C/Sgt Mayo was later on awarded the Major General Howard Award for top candidate for the MB/NWO area.

One of our first Corps Expedition Exercises was held in April of 2009. Our Corps headed off to Turtle Mountain, MB to do some canoeing. Unfortunately due to great Manitoba weather conditions the lake was too cold to canoe. Instead, as a corps we hiked around Turtle Mountain through the various trails where the cadets used map and compass skills, orienteering, leadership skills, and worked together as a section.

During the same month, we headed to Assiniboine Park where we had our yearly orienteering day. The cadets were put into two groups, given a map and a time limit and were sent off. They learned basic orienteering skills and how to work as a team to complete the desired task.

September saw the start of a new cadet year. We began with our annual exercise in Shilo, MB. The first exercise of the year is always aimed towards new cadets, teaching them new skills that they have not been exposed to, such as bush craft, map and compass, and leadership skills. Cadets also got to experience abseiling for the first time on the rappel tower.

During the fall, a few cadets participated in the annual Military Tattoo held at the MTS center in Winnipeg. This year the aim was to show off a part of each element in cadets. C/WO Giberson, C/WO Mayo, C/MWO Jackson, C/Sgt. Buzahora, and C/Sgt Branton were carefully chosen to abseil from the rafters of the MTS to show off the Expedition element of army cadets.

Also this year, myself, C/CWO Buhr received the Presidents award for Manitoba. This award is awarded annually to the top cadet in Manitoba.

2701 PPCLI had a very eventful year, and we hope to have even more experiences and success in the following training year.

C/CWO Dallas Buhr
RSM
2701 PPCLI RCACC



C/WO Mayo, C/WO Giberson, C/MWO Jackson and C/Sgt Branton after abseiling at the Manitoba Military Tattoo



CWO Buhr receiving her Master Cadet Appointment



Those whom this list commemorates served King & Queen, Country & Regiment. At duty's strident call they left all that was dear to them, enduring hardness, and faced danger so that others might live in peace and freedom. Not all soldiers die in battle or glory, but they too served the Regiment. Let those who come after see to it that their names are not forgotten.

NAME	SERVICE	DATE	LOCATION
C.G.W. Carlson	Retired	11 Jan 2009	Gimli, MB
G.E. Henderson	Retired	13 Jan 2009	Vancouver, BC
C.D. Beaulieu	Retired	16 Jan 2009	Protage la Priarie, BC
M.F. Parsons	Retired	19 Jan 2009	Port Hawkesbury, NS
J. Dyck	Retired	24 Jan 2009	Vancouver, BC
W. McHattie	Retired	30 Jan 2009	East York, ON
J.A. MacDonald	Retired	31 Jan 2009	Nanaimo, BC
R.R.P. Price	Retired	31 Jan 2009	Victoria, BC
R. Klemm	Retired	2 Feb 2009	Edmonton, AB
J.E. Hewitt	Retired	9 Feb 2009	Chilliwack, BC
R.W.B. Adamek	Retired	12 Feb 2009	Victoria, BC
R.J. Johnson	Retired	12 Feb 2009	Winnipeg, MB
W.R. Casement	Retired	14 Feb 2009	Armstrong, BC
J.G. Costeloe	Retired	22 Feb 2009	Victoria, BC
L.A. Tuttle	Retired	23 Feb 2009	Victoria, BC
F.R. McGuire	Retired	24 Feb 2009	Victoria, BC
F.C. Wood	Retired	26 Feb 2009	Victoria, BC
R.J. Campbell	Retired	11 Mar 2009	Victoria, BC
J. Thompson	Retired	15 Mar 2009	Lacombe, AB
H. Guterson	Retired	17 Mar 2009	Lacombe, AB
G.W. Phillips	Retired	18 Mar 2009	Winnipeg, MB
T. Bludd	Retired	24 Mar 2009	Pembroke, ON
N. Ray	Retired	24 Mar 2009	Halifax, NS
J.W. Carroll	Retired	28 Mar 2009	Victoria, BC
E.M. Canfield	Retired	28 Mar 2009	Chilliwack, BC
D.J. Campbell	Retired	Mar 2009	Toronto, ON
D.R. Blair	Retired	10 Apr 2009	Trail, BC
M.G. Duncan	Retired	22 Apr 2009	Cobble Hill, BC
S.G. Smith	Retired	26 Apr 2009	British Columbia
J. Preston	Retired	29 Apr 2009	Penticton, BC
S.A.G. Schofield	2 PPCLI	29 Apr 2009	Shilo, MB
M.A. Kelter	Retired	8 May 2009	Belleville, ON
J. McTague	Retired	8 May 2009	Lindsay, ON
M.J. Brown	Retired	14 May 2009	Ottawa, ON
N.L. Claxton	Retired	17 May 2009	Calgary, AB
R.G. White	Retired	18 May 2009	Calgary, AB
I.J. Hunter	Retired	19 May 2009	Trail, BC
G.W. Rushworth	Retired	22 May 2009	Winnipeg, MB
B.M. Munro	Retired	3 Jun 2009	Vancouver, BC
R.G. Lewis	Retired	9 Jun 2009	St Paul, MB
J.A. Jackson	Retired	13 Jun 2009	Edmonton, AB
J.H. Johnston	Retired	16 Jun 2009	Winnipeg, MB
D.K. Pike	1 PPCLI	16 Jun 2009	Edmonton, AB
L.A. Black	Retired	22 Jun 2009	Petawawa, ON
A. Vereschagin	Retired	24 Jun 2009	
N.K. Van Smeedyk	3 PPCLI	28 Jun 2009	Winnipeg, MB
N.L. Thibodeau	Retired	29 Jun 2009	Aylmer, QC
N.A. Bulger	3 PPCLI	3 Jul 2009	Afghanistan



Last Post

NAME	SERVICE	DATE	LOCATION
N.B. McKinley	Retired	6 Jul 2009	Saanich, BC
D.C. Decorby	3 PPCLI	16 Jul 2009	Edmonton, AB
E.A. Zwolak	Retired	19 Jul 2009	Kelowna, BC
A. Kohuch	Retired	24 Jul 2009	Nanaimo, BC
W.E. Ismond	Retired	28 Jul 2009	Calgary, AB
C.S. Frost	Retired	6 Aug 2009	Toronto, ON
G.E. Miller	Retired	7 Aug 2009	Victoria, BC
J. Applebaum	Retired	10 Aug 2009	Kirkland, QC
L. McKenzie	Retired	15 Aug 2009	Camrose, AB
D.L. Smith	3 PPCLI	16 Aug 2009	Edmonton, AB
K.B. Whitehead	3 PPCLI	22 Aug 2009	Big River, SK
W.L. Barclay	Retired	23 Aug 2009	Calgary, AB
M.V. De Haan	LFWA	25 Aug 2009	Ajax, ON
W.D. Sutton	Retired	7 Sep 2009	Fort Frances, ON
A.G. Arnold	Retired	11 Sep 2009	Regina, SK
P.D.J. McLean	Retired	18 Sep 2009	Calgary, AB
E.M. Halstead	Retired	21 Sep 2009	Roland, MB
E.S. Trasolini	Retired	28 Sep 2009	Langley, BC
N.T. Eagle	Retired	29 Sep 2009	Yellowknife, NWT
R.K. Parker	Retired	30 Sep 2009	Victoria, BC
D. Strong	Retired	12 Oct 2009	Oakville, ON
H. Snelgrove	Retired	22 Oct 2009	St Catharines, ON
R. McCreary	Retired	23 Oct 2009	Winnipeg, MB
R.J. Carrick	Retired	26 Oct 2009	Calgary, AB
J.G. Boyes	3 PPCLI	28 Oct 2009	Afghanistan
S.H. Marshall	1 CER	30 Oct 2009	Afghanistan
D.H. Jennings	Retired	7 Nov 2009	Victoria, BC
A. Sokolowski	Retired	11 Nov 2009	Teulon, MB
M. Tinko	Retired	13 Nov 2009	North Battleford, SK
K.W. Morrison	Retired	14 Nov 2009	Victoria, BC
J. Pearson	Retired	Nov 2009	Richmond, BC
J.P.G.H. Price	Retired	14 Nov 2009	Ottawa, ON
K.W. Childs	Retired	20 Nov 2009	Beaverdam, NB
V.A. Davis	Retired	22 Nov 2009	Kingston, ON
D.L.M. Bayliss	Retired	23 Nov 2009	Calgary, AB
V. Duerksen	Retired	23 Nov 2009	Burnaby, BC
D. Davey	Retired	6 Dec 2009	St Catharines, ON
J.D. Cody	Retired	10 Dec 2009	Ottawa, ON
E.D.A. Ranni	Retired	15 Dec 2009	Victoria, BC
J.A. Leonard	Retired	16 Dec 2009	Victoria, BC
R.A. Hubert	Retired	23 Dec 2009	Calgary, AB
K. Kabel	Retired	23 Dec 2009	Winnipeg, MB
A.R. Nuttall	1 PPCLI	23 Dec 2009	Afghanistan
F.J. Huard	Retired	26 Dec 2009	Peterborough, ON
M. Lang	Calgary Herald	30 Dec 2009	Afghanistan
G. Chidley	2 PPCLI	30 Dec 2009	Afghanistan
Z. McCormack	LER	30 Dec 2009	Afghanistan
K. Taylor	84th Ind Fd Bty	30 Dec 2009	Afghanistan
G. Miok	41 CER	30 Dec 2009	Afghanistan
D. S. Styan	Retired	30 Dec 2009	Victoria, BC

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